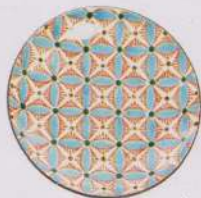


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LOSE YOURSELF IN... *The Conran Shop*

Found in Michelin House on the Fulham Road, The Conran Shop has been a destination store for design lovers since it opened in 1987. Alongside its lively restaurant and chic pavement flower stall, it has a unique blend of furniture, lighting and home accessories, such as the Hippie plates by Pils Potten (below, right), £10.99 each. Simple functionality and considered design lies at its heart, with a collection of contemporary brands as well as an emphasis on British craftsmanship. In addition, the store has a new element, The Rug Room, which presents vintage and modern offerings drawn from around the world, each one dramatically displayed on scaffolding structures. At the Marylebone branch, a recent redesign has incorporated a rooftop apartment full of enticing room sets, allowing customers to shop in an inspiring environment that's just like home, only better.



DON'T MISS...

■ BESPOKE BEAUTIES

At The Rug Room you can order your own design or ask the global buying team to source a vintage rug to your specifications from around the world.

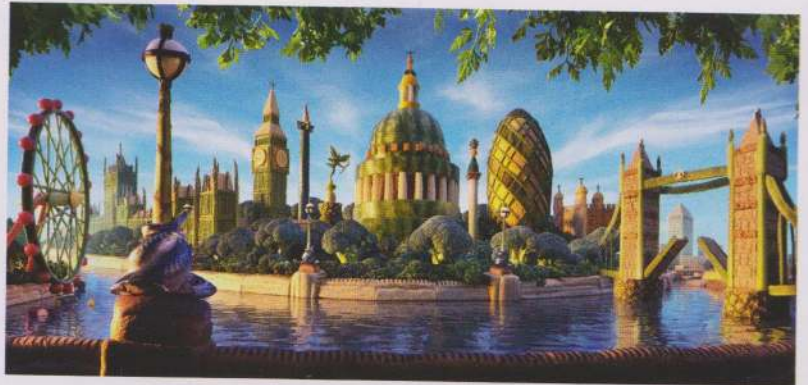
■ TEMPTING TREATS

The Conran Kitchen in the Marylebone store serves sandwiches, pastries and drinks in collaboration with Caravan restaurant and St John Bakery.

■ SOMETHING SPECIAL

Look out for niche brands in the bath and beauty departments, including cult products by D R Harris and Malin+Goetz.

81 Fulham Road, SW3 6RD, 020 7589 7401; 55 Marylebone High Street, W1U 5HS, 020 7723 2223, conranshop.co.uk.



LUXE LOOKS
For a chic hotel-style bathroom, head to Bagno Design's new Architecture and Design Centre, where you'll find extensive room sets and plenty of accessories. Bagno Design, 31 Pear Tree Street, EC1V 3AG, 020 7553 6999, bagnodesign.co.uk.

GLORIOUS FOOD

If you enjoy experimenting with the things you eat, like Carl Warner with his foodscape (above), then check out Harrods' upcoming series of weirdly wonderful cookery and entertaining classes. The Experimental Food Society will be holding classes with subjects including Food & Fragrance, led by perfumier Louise Bloor, and 3D Cupcake Art with sugar artist Michelle Wibowo. From 29 September; £40 for a one-and-a-half hour class.

Harrods, 87/135 Brompton Road, SW1X 7XL, 020 7730 1234, harrods.com.



INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

Take a leaf from the little black book of top interior designers and visit the new showroom of bespoke furniture makers Goldman & Rankin (left). Located in lively Kensal Rise, the 500sq ft store showcases elegant kitchen, wardrobe and furniture designs, all made in the UK. ▶

6a Regent Street, NW10 5LG, 020 8969 3632, goldmanandrankin.com.