

Fabulous fabric

Choosing textiles to match your scheme can be tricky, but Fabric Warehouse has a team of interior-design consultants on hand to make the process a little less daunting. Choose to go in store where a personal shopper will give you free advice on what will suit your needs, or book a home consultation and an expert will visit your home complete with fabric swatches to help you choose what's right for you. Both services are free and available to book online at www.fabricwarehouse.co.uk or by calling 0800 316 4408.



Sleep on air

Christmas has a habit of presenting unexpected (and often uninvited) guests, but don't let them spoil your fun! If you are fast running out of space and extra beds, an Aerobed (www.aerobed.co.uk) is the perfect gift to yourself. They inflate in seconds, are as comfortable as the genuine article and can be easily stashed away after use in their own bag. Prices start from £49.99 for a single.



Aspen & Bro

Take a trip down memory lane to a Christmas wonderland of Aspen (www.aspenandbrown.com). Retailer has an extensive collection of fashionably decorated items such as advent calendars (£26.95 each) to be used year after year. Shake up your tree decorations (from £5.95 for 12) and an array of stockings and reindeer cushions (from £6.50 each). We adore the red and white reindeer cushions (£6.50 each), which are perfect for adding a festive touch to your sofa.

Cleaning made easy How can you cope with last-minute shopping when you have to clean the house as well? Or face the New Year positively after a very festive house party? Help is at hand with Merry Maid's special one-off clean service, it will have your house gleaming from £125. Call 0116 275 9000 or go to www.merrymaids.co.uk.



Put it in print

Want to make a style statement this season that doesn't involve berries and baubles? Look no further than Marimekko (0116 275 6454; www.marimekko.co.uk). The Scandinavian company, renowned for its bold designs, has released a fantastic new range of fabrics. At £29 per metre, the 100% cotton fabric is great for a quick refresh. Use it for cushion covers or curtains.