

# inspiration

Some of the design effects in this issue, re-created by Nathalie Wilson



1 Soft furnishings are usually taboo in architecture circles, but not for Ali Acikalin – he has provided guests with volumes of sheer curtains, decorated with Mughal-inspired tree motifs, which not only look pretty but protect them from mosquitoes (page 142). Make your own haven using a ‘Mulberry’ bed – which is available in seven different colours – from the Iron Bed Company (prices start at £599 for a 4 x 6ft frame; 01243 380600) and ‘Cyprus’ 3.5m-long ready-made silk and cotton panels by the multi-talented India-based French designer Brigitte Singh, which can be bought from Aleta (£115; 020 7228 9676).



2 Bricks and stones may break your bones but, as Ali Acikalin demonstrates, they also make fantastic floors (page 138). Create your own using bricks from Bulmer Brick & Tile, which are made to order in the colour and size of your choice (prices start at £1.18 each; 01787 269232), and CED’s cobbles, of which there are five or six different types to choose from. Shown here is a mixture of white marble and silver-grey granite (from £11.66 per 25kg bag; 01708 867237).



3 Verasetà’s ‘Damas 1002-7239’ is a dead ringer for the dusty rose-coloured fabric on the main sitting-room sofa in Edward Croft-Murray’s house (page 115). It costs £161.20 per m from Turnell & Gigon (020 8971 1711).

4 Pick a colour at random from Farrow & Ball’s paint chart and you’ll almost certainly hit an old-fashioned English hue similar to those in Edward Croft-Murray’s Richmond house (page 112). Shown here are ‘Rectory Red’, ‘Mere Green’ and ‘Ointment Pink’, which are good matches for the shades in the dining room, hallway and main sitting room. £20.99 per 2.5 litres of estate emulsion; ring 01202 876141.



5 Appropriately for a man who was once the keeper of prints and drawings at the British Museum, the late Edward Croft-Murray had a taste for fine 18th-century art and *objets*. His passion extended to collecting early drinking glasses (page 119); dealer Mark J. West sells particularly desirable ones, priced from £250 each. Ring 020 8946 2811.