

In the frame

Give your home some period character with a range of solid hardwood batten door kits from John Boddy Timber. They come in character oak, heavy character oak, American black walnut and tulipwood. The main panels are tongue and grooved with an elegant bead moulding. Finish this classic look with optional extras such as diagonal braces, rebated door casings and door linings. 01423 322 370, john-boddy-timber-ltd.uk

Heating up

A roaring fireplace is a great place to gather with friends and family, and Robert Adam designs are among the most stylish options. "The timber 'Adam' fireplace gained enormous popularity in the late 18th century when continental marble was scarce," says Robert Black of Thistle & Rose. "Many originals have vanished thanks to Victorian and Edwardian changes in taste, but the much-cherished surviving pieces amply demonstrate the technical and design skills involved in their manufacture."

FOR REPRODUCTION ADAM FIREPLACES CALL THISTLE & ROSE ON 01450 376 928 OR CLICK ON THISTLEANDROSE.CO.UK.

NATURAL STYLE

Decorative hops have furnished rural houses for centuries, so this Christmas look no further than Essentially Hops, a family-run farm that grows and dries flowers, hops and seed heads to sell online or at its farmyard shop near Canterbury. Here you can get all the natural craft materials you need to make this Christmas extra special, from unusual, exciting gifts to locally grown Christmas trees, holly and mistletoe, and fragranced candles and oils. Buy the ingredients to make your own designs, or speak to florists who will help, advise and, if necessary, create the design for you. 01227 830 666, essentiallyhops.co.uk

Bedding in

Snuggle up in a new bed from Silentnight's Diamond Collection, which celebrates over 60 years of manufacturing expertise. The 2800 Latex Luxury features a 26cm-deep mattress comprised of 2,800 pocket springs and a layer of comfort foam, while the bed fillings are packed with Silentnight's Inergetix latex, creating the ultimate mattress. The bed also features an additional pillow top layer for premium comfort levels, giving you a great night's sleep. 01282 813 333, silentnight.co.uk

Box clever

As well as specialising in bespoke handmade furniture, Wheathills in Derbyshire also creates handmade memory boxes. Its skilled designers can create a unique gift that embodies the hopes, dreams and passions of the giver or recipient. These boxes are an ideal way to capture special memories for a birthday, wedding or anniversary. Call 01332 824 819 or go to wheathills.com to find out more.



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