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Design notebook by Talib Choudhry







A good name After working for some of Britain's most celebrated designers, including Matthew Hilton and PearsonLloyd, Lucy Kurrein set up her own studio in 2013. Her sophisticated yet practical work led to Homes & Gardens magazine naming her its young designer of the year in February, and she has just unveiled a number of noteworthy pieces, including this walnut-veneered chest of drawers (£985, part of a range for Joined + Jointed, joinedandjointed.com), and the Tepee sofa and Lily side table for SCP (sofa, from £3,565, and side table, £165, scp.co.uk).



Feeling the pinch The husband and wife design team Russell Pinch and Oona Bannon have added several new pieces to their range, including a high-backed chaise in on-trend forest green that works equally well for individual lounging and occasional guest seating; a handsome dining table, which at 90cm wide makes for a convivial mealtime atmosphere while accommodating tableware comfortably; and sturdy folding stools perfect for unexpected guests. Leta chaise, £3,480, pinchdesign.com.



Top tabletop This spectacular brass-topped table is the work of Belgian company Heerenhuis, which makes contemporary furniture using traditional techniques. In the UK its pieces are stocked at Different Like a Zoo, an e-commerce site that is home to a well-curated mix of products and also offers an interior-design service aimed at 'rescuing and rehabilitating tired interiors with a few choice additions'. £2,995, differentlikeazoo.com.



Ring the changes Proving that technology does not have to be complicated, the MP01 is a streamlined device that performs only the core mobile-phone functions: calling and texting. With no status updates, notifications or multiple alerts, users can focus on being in the moment. The simple yet effective handset design is the work of Jasper Morrison for the Swiss company Punkt and costs £229 from Twentytwentyone, twentytwentyone.com.

