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BRIGHT LIGHTS

I love these 'Tom' wall lights from Hector Finch for their simplicity and acid-pop colours (from top: giallo and aqua, two of eight new colours). The lights measure 19.3 x 22.1cm diameter and cost £300 each. 020-7731 8886; hectorfinch.com



Carole at the Plain English showroom in Marylebone

PERFECT ILLUSION

I have seen wallcoverings like these used to great effect in hallways and as feature walls. The Oculaire collection from Arte features handwoven sisal fibres, cut and inlaid to create a trompe l'œil effect. The collection comprises five patterns: 'Insignia', 'Combine' (both pictured from top), 'Unite', 'Metric' and 'Line', from £36 a metre. 0800-500 3335; arte-international.com



A whale of a time

THIS 'HERMAN' SOFA BY NATUZZI IS NAMED AFTER HERMAN MELVILLE, THE AUTHOR OF *MOBY DICK* - ITS SIDES REMIND ME OF A WHALE'S TAIL. PICTURED IN A MICROFIBRE FABRIC, IT MEASURES 77 X 357 X 99CM AND COSTS FROM £6,020. 01322-771442; NATUZZI.CO.UK

BEAUTY IS SKIN DEEP

For something completely different, consider this leather flooring by Element7, which uses strong, vegetable-dyed oxhides and is backed with engineered board, for use with underfloor heating. 'Equestrian' (bourneville brown) costs £595 a square metre and is also available as 450cm square or 600 x 900cm tiles. element7.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF Antique dealer and furniture designer Max Rollitt has added a new Victorian-inspired sofa to his collection. The 'Dean' has scroll arms and a raked back, and sits on brass castors; from £8,300. maxrollitt.com ▷