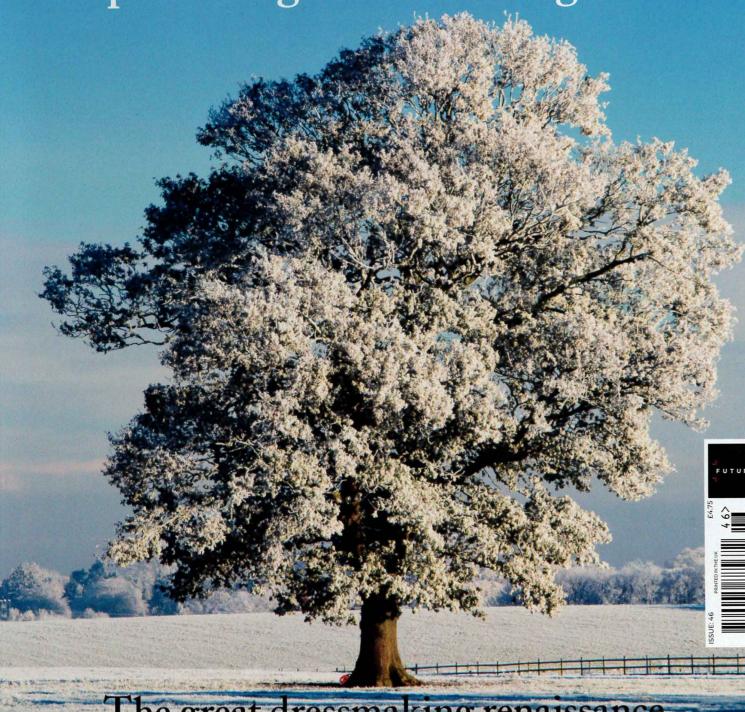
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How to survive winter

Our practical guide to beating the chill



The great dressmaking renaissance Astonishing sculptures and timeless interiors

Interiors



▲ Country life

Artichoke creates bespoke fitted furniture and traditional joinery for every space, including the humble boot room, which should act as what the company describes as a valve between the outside world of mud and rain and the interior of a country house. Prices for a boot room start from £80,000 (01934 745270; www.artichoke-ltd.com)



▲ Hand finished

From its foundry in East Sussex, Beardmore produces an extensive collection of traditionally cast, handfinished architectural ironmongery. Prices for a decorative cupboard knob in antique brass start from £90 (020-7351 5444; www.beardmore.co.uk)



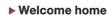
▲ Silver screen

The Small Pimlico fire screen, from £5,592, features five panels, each with an elegantly arched top and finely worked mesh insert, shown here in Nickel with Brass mesh, from Charles Edwards (020-7736 8490; www.charlesedwards.com)



◆ Classic seat

Based on a Georgian design of about 1760, the Camelback sofa is custom made with a mortice and tenoned solid beech frame and walnut legs, distressed to match the antique. It costs £15,350 plus 15m of fabric, from Max Rollitt (01962 791124: www.maxrollitt.com



An impressive and traditional design, the Zeus hanging lantern in Zinc finish, extra large, and available in a version suitable for exterior undercover use, £2,022, will add elegance to an entrance, Hector Finch (020-7731 8886; www.hectorfinch.com)



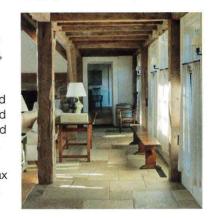
▲ Authentic appeal

Catchpole & Rye enjoys a fine reputation for its authentic, antique-inspired baths, made in its workshops in Kent, which included—as shown here—The Painted Nickel Bateau, with a Silver Nickel interior and Charcoal exterior, £8,100 (01233 840840; www.catchpoleandrye.com)



▲ Period piece

Based in Somerset, Distinctive Country Furniture specialises in period architectural joinery and furniture, from oak-panelled rooms to bespoke pieces, such as this Jointed Oak bench with carved rails, £1,500 (01935 825800; www.distinctive countryfurniture.co.uk)



■ Making history

Antique stone floors have a timeless charm and a distinctive sense of history, making these reclaimed 18th-century English sandstone flags, £474 per sq m, a particular find-and a sustainable choice, from a selection at Lapicida (01423 400100; www.lapicida.com) >