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How truly does Howe London spoil us with its latest creations - a 1950s-style 'Cone' wall light (left; £660), featuring an unlacquered, polished-brass back plate and spun shade in a choice of three glossy colours, and these humble brown-paper sconce shades (£95 apiece). Ring 020 7730 7987, or visit howelondon.com.

2 For the Floor and More dived into the Hon Rachel Kay-Shuttleworth MBE's Gawthorpe Textiles Collection, which is housed at her childhood home in Lancashire, now a National Trust property, and surfaced

with inspiration for four floor coverings of printed vinyl, 'Selina' (top) and 'Janet' are based on a 1950s silk. dress and c1780-1820 cotton bedspread respectively and cost £52 per sq m. Ring 0161 850 5857, or visit forthefloorandmore.com.

3 Where obelisks used to flank the entrances to Egyptian temples, now they're commonly found either end of a mantelpiece. Well worth such a spot are these candle versions (from £55) handpoured and hand-painted in six stone or marble finishes by an Italian family that has a long history in the business. Ring Monolith on 07515 728120, or visit monolithshop.co.

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