

DESIGN NOTEBOOK

AFRICAN BEATS

The colours and rhythms of Africa are the inspiration behind the new 2011 Soleil Bleu par Welmann fabric collection, now available at Seneca. Natural materials such as wool and linen are used in clear weaves to create bold patterns and interesting textures. From African village landscapes to exotic birds, orchids to ikat style prints, these fabrics work beautifully when teamed with colonial wood or rattan furniture. Seneca, 14 Heather St, Parnell. Phone (09) 309 6411 or www.seneca.co.nz



HANDMADE

Here at Viva we are suckers for anything handmade – especially when it comes to tableware. There's something special about enjoying a home-cooked meal made with love served in tableware that has also been made by hand. To add an even more individual touch, we suggest you mix and match the stylish blue patterns from May Time's new Blue Breeze Caribbean collection of plates (\$21-\$28), bowls (\$14-\$21) and mugs (14.50). To find your nearest stockist, phone 0800 Maytime or (09) 526 4274.



OPENING DOORS

With summer just around the corner, the gorgeous zinc-plated Dora Doors are perfect for letting cool breezes flow through the house while providing a stylish sense of security. Respected industrial, product and furniture designer Tim Ord was inspired to produce the range of doors after spending time in Morocco. Priced from \$690. To find out more phone (09) 376 8920 or go to www.doradoors.co.nz to check out the complete range of products.



SMELL OF SPRING

Early mornings, sunny days . . . Spring is here and it's time to indulge the senses with the delicious Wild Bluebell range of fragrances from Jo Malone. Master perfumier Christine Nagel has cleverly combined the fresh green scent of the bluebell with uplifting persimmon and sensual musk. Available in a cologne (from \$110), body and hand wash (\$100), body creme (\$160) and a home candle (\$130). The collection will be in store from next Monday exclusively at Jo Malone boutique, Atrium on Takutai, Te Ara Tahuu Walking St, Britomart, City. Ph (09) 309 4418.



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