

BATH TIME Two new designs have caught our eye this month. The Albany bath (shown), H80x W169xD57cm, £3,990, from Arcade, 01322 473222, arcadebathrooms.com, is a roomy, egg-shaped tub made from natural stone that is ideal for large spaces. We also love Nebbia, H80x W160xD60cm, £3,290, from the Alternative Bathroom Company, 020 3375 8989, alternativebathrooms.com, which is an elegant and modern take on the slipper design.



BAG IT Three of Annie Selke's eye-catching patterned weaves for Dash & Albert's rugs have been translated into stylish tote bags. The Le Tote is waterproof and comes in three sizes and ten colourways, including Denim & White (left) and Sprout & White, from £48 each. Free American at Dash & Albert, dashandalberteurope.com.



Large bowl in charred ash £110; salad servers, £46; both Tanti Design

PURE & SIMPLE

Launched at London Design Festival in September last year, Tanti Design is a brand to know about. Its name is taken from an old English word meaning worthwhile, and that it is. The company produces furniture and accessories made exclusively from sustainably sourced English timber out of its studio in Leicester. Contact 07884 428500 tantidesign.co.uk.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS HERITAGE GARDENS

KEW AT WAKEHURST PLACE

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, is marking 50 years of running the Wakehurst Estate in Sussex (right), home to Kew's Millennium Seed Bank, the largest depository of wildflower seeds in the world. As part of the year-long celebrations, visitors can follow the Golden Plant Trail, featuring plants with a golden theme and, on 23 May, you can enter the normally off-limits ancient woodland. Over the summer, visit the Magical Meadows and on 18-19 July, enjoy craft and nature at the Scythe and Cider Weekend. Wakehurst Place, 01444 894066, kew.org/visit-wakehurst.

BORDE HILL GARDEN

It is also 50 years since the formal gardens at Borde Hill in Sussex were first opened to the public. Renowned for its magnificent rhododendrons and azaleas, as well as its sub-tropical Dells, Rose Garden and extensive parkland, Borde Hill Garden is celebrating its Golden Anniversary year with an exhibition of sculpture in May, including a bespoke piece by the international artist Angela Conner. Borde Hill Garden, 01444 450326, bordehill.co.uk.

