

Shopping: a copper-coloured Christmas

Copper-shade home decor: treat yourself or someone you love this Christmas

With the return to raw materials and the advent of industrial style decor, copper has carved out an excellent position for itself on the contemporary design scene and is making its comeback in interiors.

The red metal is particularly prized at Christmas for its warm, sparkling light. Copper-coloured Christmas decorations: what could be more trendy?

Brussels, November 29th 2011 - A material with a very strong visual identity, copper has in recent years forged a noticeable place for itself on the contemporary design scene. From trendy industrial raw copper to *steampunk* rutilant brass as well as luxurious, smooth, sparkling red, copper appeals to all interiors! More and more designers are rediscovering the aesthetic potential of the “red metal”, its lighting effects and the possibilities for shaping it offers. Its malleability and ductility increase the options available in terms of aesthetics and form. Highly durable and 100% recyclable, copper is captivating more and more designers in this age of eco-design.

Now, more than ever, copper decorations are a must-have for the end-of-year festivities! Whether used to decorate your own interior or offered as a gift, it comes as lights, vases and even candle-holders. Stand out from the crowd and treat yourself or someone else with this small selection of copper-themed gifts for all budgets.

The must-have

Copper Shade, by Tom Dixon

Whether as a single feature or in a group, the hanging Copper Shade adds sculptural sophistication to all interiors. The play of light reflecting on the copper creates a golden effect, giving the room a warm hue. Since its creation in 2008, the success of Copper Shade has continued to grow!

Product information

Price: €272

Diameter: 45cm

Where to buy: www.madeindesign.com, The Conran Shop, Design By, Lumière & Concept





The forever fashionable

The Mauviel copper casserole dish

Make way for the greatest classic of kitchens everywhere: introducing ... copper cookware! From our grandmothers' jam pans to the casseroles of the Michelin-starred gangs of the greatest restaurants, copper cookware is unrivalled. Why? Because copper is the everyday metal which is best at conducting heat, guaranteeing a consistent, constant temperature and limiting thermal inertia.

Product information

Price: €195

Diameter: 20 cm

Where to buy: BHV, Bon Marché, Conran Shop, and at Villeroy et Boch throughout France

The timeless

Tripod Clock, by George Nelson

This cute clock made from brass, an alloy of copper and zinc, is a re-edition of the 1947 Vitra models. It will add a retro touch to even the most modern of interiors.

Product information

Price: €245

Dimensions: 167 x 108 x 84 mm

Where to buy: BHV, Bon Marché, Conran Shop, and at Villeroy et Boch throughout France



The elusive

Garland, at Habitat

This ethereal lampshade was designed by Tord Boontje for Habitat. It comes in the form of a long garland of metal flowers (copper or bronze model) which is wrapped around a light bulb.

Unusual and malleable, the Garland creates splashes of golden light adding a warm glow to the Christmas festivities!

Product information

Price: €25

Dimensions: 42 x H.60 cm

Where to buy: Habitat

The unusual

Zzz

This decorative element, produced by the Italian design house Covo, adds a touch of light to the rough terracotta of potted plants. The accessory is both original and practical, taking advantage of the famous antimicrobial properties of the red metal. When inserted between the pot and the saucer, the copper helps to prevent the growth of larvae, bacteria and mould caused by stagnant water.

Product information

Price: €52 for 3 pieces

Dimensions: 8 x 20 cm

Where to buy: on the website www.covo-shop.com or see list of retailers at www.covo.it



The unexpected

Grid vase

Produced by the Turkish house Gaia&Gino, the *Grid vases* collection is based on the strong visual contrast between the metal and the plants it contains. The medieval inspiration and the use of a precious material recall the world of knights and armour, translated into one of the most contemporary designs. With *Grid vase*, even the plainest potted plant can become a princess... and that's guaranteed, even after midnight!

Product information

Price: around €450

Dimensions: 36.6 x 33.8 cm

Where to buy: Colette, Conran Shop, Printemps design



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