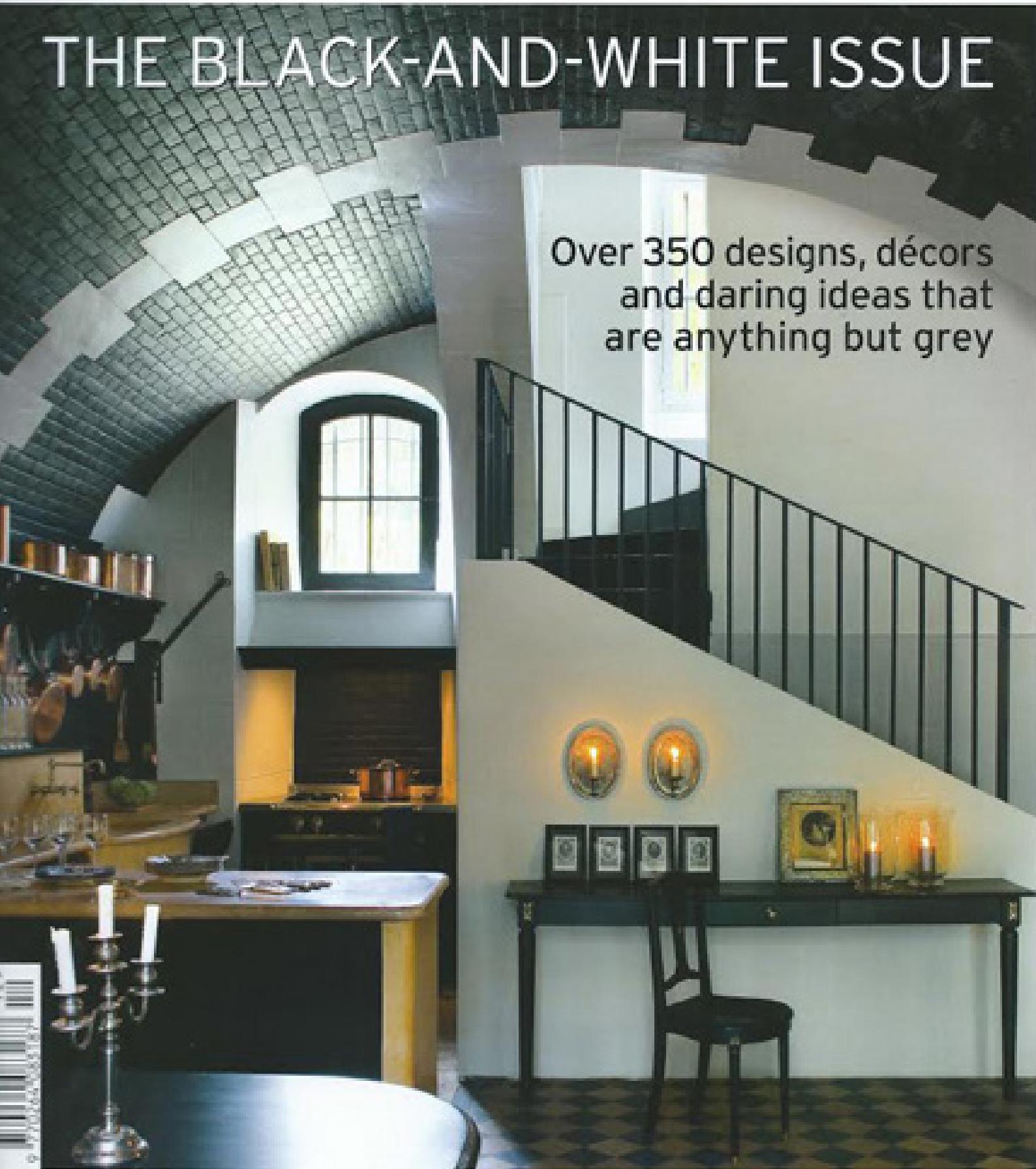


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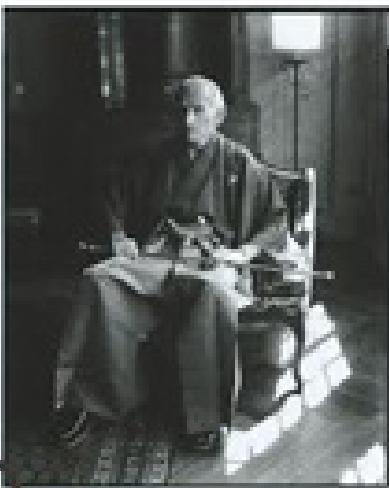
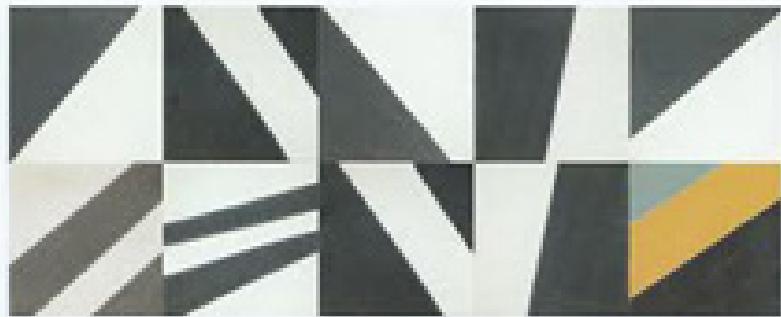
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What's in the air this month, edited by Nathalie Wilson



1 Jennifer Shorto's journey into textile design was kickstarted a few years ago when she felt compelled to 'keep certain patterns and their spirit alive' after acquiring an undocumented 20th-century fabric from west Africa. More recently, Mexico-based artist Pedro Friedeberg has inspired her four debut wallcoverings. Shown, from left: 'Cadre Noir' and 'Himalayan'; both from £130 per m. Ring Redlich House Fabrics on 020 7371 7787, or visit redlichhousefabrics.com.

2 For the ultimate white Japanese towel, look for the 'Imabari' logo awarded by the Shikoku Towel Industrial Association, which represents manufacturers in the country's largest area of production, Imabari City. Being so absorbent that they sink within five seconds of entering a body of water is just one of the organisation's criteria. Shown, from left: 'Mou Cube' by Johnan Orimono and 'Born in Imabari' by Yoshii Towel; from £5.50 each for a facecloth. Ring 01926 886632, or visit imabaritowel@japan.jp.

3 Inspired by candelabras in his Villa Medici (W� Feb 2002), Balthus created the flore lamp in this portrait from old water pipes topped with wood partly hidden by the shade. He thus created the illusion that it was a candlestick. Atelier de Villatte has recreated his handiwork thanks to Hania Klossowska de Rola – but don't worry, the metalwork on theirs is hand-forged in Italy. 'Balthus' costs £1,557 approx. Ring 00 33 1 42 60 74 13, or visit atelierdevillatte.com.

4 When Eleanor Thompson found herself near cement-tile manufacturer Artevida during a road trip around Portugal, she twisted owner Sean O'Riain's arm into executing her ideas.

Shown here: 20cm sq 'Mauritania Dreaming' examples inspired by the country's wall paintings; made to order from £163 approx per sq m. Ring 07812 036637, or visit eleanorthompsondesign.co.uk.

5 A replica of Admiral Lord Nelson's favourite chair onboard the *HMS Victory* is in the offing due to David Linley's partnership with