

Bargain news

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Sales are the key to this week's deals, with discounts on garden furniture, picnicware and barbecues

TOUCH OF GLASS



The Glass Art Gallery is moving but before it does, it is holding a one-off sale from 18 to 21 June, 11am to 5pm. You will find innovative pieces, from samples through to antiques, at up to 70 per cent off usual price.

Visit London Glassblowing at 7 The Leathermarket, Weston Street, SE1 (020 7403 2800; www.londonglassblowing.co.uk).



BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

GARDEN GLORY DAYS

Make the most of your garden this summer by combining good value with quality from Kingshall Furniture's new range of smart-looking and versatile outdoor rattan pieces.

Colour-fast, strong and resistant to sun and rain, the rattan is hand-woven over a rust-free frame and designed to live outdoors all year round.

The rattan four-seater cube (above) opens out to seat up to eight but can

also pack away to save space. The chairs have a flip-up back and can be folded down over the cushions for easy storage.

The price is normally £1,199 but readers can get the set for only £699. The cube is also available without the footstools for only £549.

For more information and to view the full range, call 01296 339925, or visit www.kingshallfurniture.co.uk. This offer ends 31 July 2009.

DON'T MISS IT

With savings of up to 50 per cent on beautifully crafted furniture, lighting and accessories, the Ochre sample sale is a must. On today until 5pm and tomorrow 10am to 8pm, at Studio G20, Clerkenwell Workshops, 31 Clerkenwell Close, EC1 (0870 787 9242).

HURRY TO HEALS

From tomorrow until 26 July, the Heals summer sale is offering up to 50 per cent off lighting, furniture, throws, mirrors and other homeware. Items include a round Mosaic mirror, originally £300, down to £150. For details of your nearest store, visit www.heals.co.uk.

PACK A PICNIC IN VINTAGE STYLE



For picnics in the park, forget about stuffing gourmet fare into an old carrier bag. This vintage-style hamper for four that originally cost £60, is reduced to only £35.

It includes four place settings, ceramic side plates, wine glasses and napkins as well as salt and pepper shakers and a corkscrew.

To order, visit www.bhs.co.uk.

OFFER OF THE WEEK

MODERN MAKES A SHOW

Fast becoming one of the UK's leading contemporary furniture retailers, Go Modern has launched a new kitchen division, featuring luxury kitchens from Italy at affordable prices.

Its Vama collection comes in glass lacquer, laminate, glass and wood, in hundreds of different colours and with a great selection of worktops, such as quartz, stone and glass. In fact, Go Modern supplied the red lacquer kitchen used by celebrities on the

recent series of Hells Kitchen on ITV1.

All kitchens are custom-made and fitted by Go Modern's team of fitters.

For orders placed before 15 August, Go Modern is offering readers a 20 per cent discount. To claim, call Go Modern on 020 7349 7209 and mention the Evening Standard. To make an appointment to visit the showroom at 5 Worlds End Studios, 132-134 Lots Road, SW10, please email simon@gomodern.co.uk. For more information, visit www.gomodern.co.uk.



BARBIE BEAUTY



Why are barbecues nearly always black? Live up on a sunny afternoon with this pink portable barrel version from Drinkstuff.

At an amazingly affordable cost of only £17.96, it is large enough for entertaining, yet small enough for easy transportation.

For more information, visit www.drinkstuff.com.

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ITALIAN DESIGN

THE LAST WORD IN LATIN LUXURY

Get the Italian look in London, says
Barbara Chandler

LONDON loves the Latin look – suave, mixing old crafts with the latest technology. The style includes super-sized sofas, luscious leather, smooth cabinets and lacquers to see your face in.

"Many family firms have furniture in their blood," says Bob Lloyd-Davies, who runs a new Clerkenwell showroom for **Poltroa Frau**, which includes items from Cassina, Cappellini and Edra. A dazzling white Chesterfield has its pristine hide tightly buttoned into classic diamond-deep pleats. Apparently it's fully cleanable. Poltrona



The Proust Geometrica for Cappellini, from Conran. £6,099 ex VAT (www.conran.com)

offering large-scale furniture to order. Brompton Cross boasts **B&B Italia**, showing Patricia Urquiola's outre and outsized curlicued cane chairs; while **Boffi**, the celebrity kitchen king, is next door. A short walk away are **Bisazza**'s mosaics from Venice, and tiny squares of glass and metal, make-up murals by top contemporary designers. And in Pimlico, a posh period town house is yet another Italian triumph. This is **Promemoria**, refurbished last year over four floors by designer Romeo Sozzi. It is the last word in luxury, with marquetry tabletops, wood panelling, a working kitchen and bannisters



Promemoria Scrigno side table (in linen and velvet) from £3,680

Frau has a leather pedigree from 1912, and kits out luxury cars such as Maserati and Ferrari.

A short walk away is the **Moroso** showroom. This bells-and-whistles brand's muse is the mercurial Patrizia Moroso herself. Moroso sells pieces from the latest Milan furniture fair.

Trading for the past few months is **Molteni** on Shaftesbury Avenue. Andrea Molteni's family firm dates from the Thirties. Oversized seating nestles against an impeccable kitchen installation by sister brand Dada, with doors that slide open or ascend at the lightest touch. **Armani Casa** is on New Bond Street. Armani's high-luxe look is an opulent reworking of Art Deco in classy cream, chocolate and pewter.

On the other side of Oxford Street, **Minotti** opened in February. A small workshop that opened after the Second World War is now a Milan megabrand,

the door handles are hand-blown in Murano glass.

Multicoloured stitch barstool for Cappellini costs £790 excluding VAT, also from Conran (as before)



CONTACTS

- **Armani Casa**, 113 New Bond Street, W1 (020 7079 1930; www.armani.casa.com)
- **B&B Italia**, 250 Brompton Road, SW3 (020 7591 8111; www.bebitalia.it)
- **Bisazza**, 60 Sloane Avenue, SW3 (020 7584 8837)
- **Boffi**, 254 Brompton Road, SW3 (020 7590 8910)
- **Molteni**, 199 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (020 7631 2345)
- **Minotti**, 77 Margaret Street, W1 (020 7323 3233; www.minotti.com)
- **Moroso**, 7-15 Roseberry Avenue, EC1 (020 3328 3560; www.moroso.it)
- **Poltroa Frau**, 150 St John Street, EC1 (020 7600 0600; www.poltroa.frau.it)
- **Promemoria**, 99 Pimlico Road, SW1 (020 7730 2514; www.promemoria.com)



Armchair with rope weaving by Patricia Urquiola, £2,368 from B&B Italia (020 7591 8111)