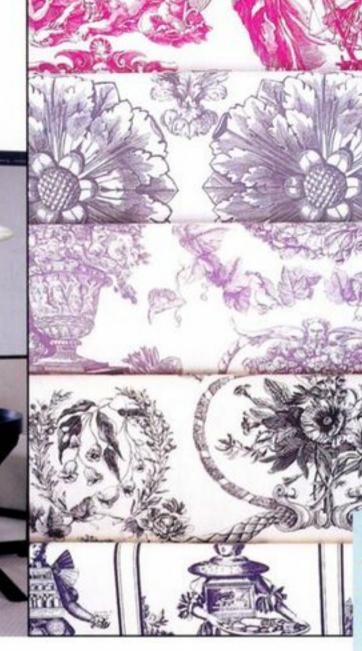
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ROBERTSON MEAD These classically influenced designed by Graham Robertson and David Mead are favourites of high-end architects and decorators. Director Peter Weir is a client, and an Australian Vogue fashion editor (who prefers to remain anonymous) bought 15 metres for a ball gown. Bespoke orders have included an adaptation of an eighteenth-century fabric woven for Catherine the Great that was colour-matched to the soft beige of an Armani blouse. Stock patterns include the chinoiserie-style Chinese Dream (AUD\$157.50 per metre) and the classically inspired Diana and Venus, AUD\$110 per metre (32 Glenmore Road, Paddington; 02/ 9331-6955).

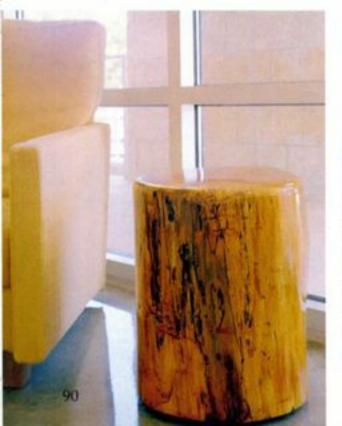
## **IMAGE**

Mirrors are London's interior design must-have of the moment: everything from floor-to-ceiling contemporary interpretations to smaller, more decorative, vintage Venetian gems. "Large mirrors bring focus and scale to a room," says British designer KELLY HOPPEN, above, whose mirrors have won the praise of Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins. Her latest collection includes a glamorous art deco-style three-panel mirrored screen (www.kellyhoppen.com) that starts at £3,500. A new wing at LIBERTY (www.liberty.co.uk) showcases mirrors from around the world, including one-off hand-blown Murano pieces and modern designs by Philippe Starck.

—Morag Preston

## SLEEK FIXTURES

Designed in partnership with the Porsche Design Studio, the new GROHE F1 line of bath faucets and accessories conceals precision-engineered mechanisms in a handsome design. One highlight is the shower system, that allows water temperature to be preselected, then automatically maintained (www.grohef1.com).



## **ECO-CHIC** GIRL

MARLA HENDERSON It was only a matter of time before hotshot Austin interior designer Marla Henderson launched a furniture line. "I was forever creating rooms around furniture that already existed in my mind's eye," says Henderson, whose clients include Alec Baldwin and the Dallas Mavericks' president of basketball operations Don Nelson.

Hand-crafted by master boat builders and made of sunken timbers dredged from Texas riverbeds, the new eco-chic collection combines architectural silhouettes, artisanal quality, and no-nonsense functionality. The collection can be viewed (\$1,200–\$10,000) at her new showroom in downtown Austin (512/495-1885; www.marlahenderson.com).

—Amy Flurry