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# J JAPAN BLOOMS

*The Tokyo Olympics may no longer be happening this summer, but the country's take on simple, intricate design, which marries tradition, balance and natural materials, is an enduring inspiration*

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*Photography* **ANDREA GARUTI IN COLLABORATION WITH FABRIZIO FINIZZA**



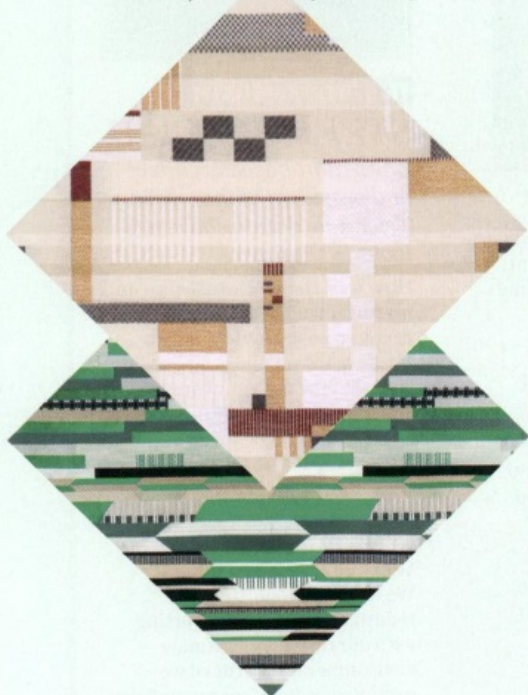


From left 'Astol' bronzero finish bench by Staffan Tollgard, £1,260, Porada (porada.it). 'Jolie' Murano glass hanging light (above bench) by Federica Biasi, from £3,660, Gallotti & Radice (gallottiradice.it). 'Pale' wood, brass and cotton ceiling light (centre) in 'Terracotta' by Georges, £196, Smallable (smallable.com). 'Pebble' low tables by Lanzavecchia + Wai, £903 each, Living Divani (livingdivani.it). On table 'The Hot' teapot by Neri & Hu, £321, Paola C (paolac.com). On floor 'Hav' hand-painted porcelain bowl, from £65; mug, £69; earafe, £172, all Royal Copenhagen (royalcopenhagen.com). 'Lua' linen in 'Peacock'; and 'Sienna' (right), both £138.50 per m, Mark Alexander (markalexander.com). 'Pablo' armchair by Vincent Van Duysen for B&B Italia, from £3,877, Chaplins (chaplins.co.uk). 'Sail' double-sided sliding panels by Giuseppe Bavuso, price on application, Rimadesio (rimadesio.it) ►



## BAUHAUS BOLD

These two jacquard fabrics pay homage to the work of German textile artist Gunta Stölzl. A leading Bauhaus figure (she was the school's weaving – and only female – director), Stölzl was responsible for the graphic industrial designs firmly associated with its aesthetic. 'Untitled' (below) £274.50 per metre; 'Baberlia' (bottom), £241 per metre, both Dedar (dedar.com).



## BORN SLIPPY

'Carre', a new textured marble by Piero Lissoni for Salvatori features markings that emulate those found on ancient floor stones to avoid them becoming slippery. The marble also makes a striking addition to walls, shown here in 'Crema d'Orcia', from £380 per square metre. Also pictured is Lissoni's 'Design for Soul' dining table, which has a reclaimed marble top. From £13,200 (salvatori.it).



## Man of the moment

A sleek and sophisticated capsule of upholstered seating, the 'Gentleman' collection by Dutch designer Marcel Wanders for Poliform includes a fixed sofa, ottoman and three armchairs of different sizes. The most striking of the series is 'Gentleman Reserved' (right), a revival of the classic wingback chair, with a subtly curved back enveloping the sitter and encouraging a relaxed repose. From £3,468 (poliformuk.com).



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## DESIGN TALENT

### FEDERICA BIASI

The Italian designer and art director founded her eponymous Milan studio in 2015. She has worked with brands including Lema, CC-Tapis and Potocco.

**How would you describe your work?** My personal style is always evolving, but it definitely has elements of vintage design, femininity and lightness.

**What defines 'Italian design' for you?** It's the know-how; the knowledge that has come from generations of craftsmen and designers.

**Are you drawn to designing one object more than any other?** I really like upholstery and seating, but I don't have a favourite product. In the past year I've designed everything from cups and perfume bottles to modular sofas and dining chairs – it varies.

**What are you working on at the moment?** This autumn I will present a collection for Manerba, a bench for Lema and an armchair for Gallotti & Radice, plus a new collection with Nespresso. [federicabiasi.com](http://federicabiasi.com)



From top 'OM' rug for CC-Tapis; 'Jolie' pendant light for Gallotti & Radice; 'Uma' bench for Lema