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Form meets functionality

Best known for its retro fridges, appliance brand Smeg has now launched its first range of cookware in a similar Fifties aesthetic. The collection is made in Italy using cold forged aluminium with a perfectly thickened base and stainless-steel plate to distribute heat equally, and includes a frying pan, casserole pan (pictured) and wok in red, off-white and black. smeguk.com



MIXED MATERIALS

Waterworks has updated the design of its 'Bond' tap series to incorporate a mixture of materials and finishes, resulting in eye-catching, sculptural pieces that hold their own in the kitchen. The new fittings are available in a choice of three categories defined by the level of detailing on the straight lever handle. Pictured above is the 'Canteen' spray and tap with an oak lever handle in brass with copper accents, and the 'Tandem' gooseneck faucet with a teak lever handle. waterworks.com



GUIDED BY NATURE

Wood can be a durable material for busy areas such as the kitchen, which is more prone to wear, tear and stains than most other rooms in the house. Though often considered for the flooring, wood used to clad kitchen units and walls can introduce warmth and elegance to a room, and tie a scheme together – especially in open-plan layouts. Using nature as its guiding principle, Bavarian brand Schotten & Hansen has spent decades researching the material to craft regenerable wooden surfaces using a robust multi-layer construction. Its surfaces are customisable and slowly treated and dyed using natural oils and plants to be water resistant and withstand changing environments. schotten-hansen.com □



FROM WALLS TO FLOORS – AND SO MUCH MORE

Schotten & Hansen's versatile wooden surfaces combine the durability of engineered boards with the inimitable grains and textures of natural timber



As anyone who has undergone a house renovation will know, choosing the right materials – be they for furniture, worktops, door veneers or wetroom floors and walls – is an all important step in the design process that can pull your scheme together. For those who choose wood as their solution for a timeless and elegant look, the process doesn't stop there. While a well-designed laminate can provide the appearance of wood, boasting antibacterial properties without the upkeep that hardwood surfaces require, it lacks the grains and textures that true wooden surfaces bring to our homes. So how does one make the choice between trend-led styles, the practicality of manufactured surfaces, and the beauty and longevity of natural wood?

For leading German manufacturer Schotten & Hansen, nature is at the core of its range of wooden surfaces. Through years of research and industry experience, its team of craftspeople and engineers have applied their knowledge to ensure the chosen wood – sourced from trees grown slowly and sustainably – will retain its permanence no matter its placement in its newfound home. The regenerable surfaces have a multi-layer construction which offer more than just the beauty of solid wood; they can withstand changing environments and the surface colours and type of material can be customised by clients and architects in collaboration.

Schotten & Hansen show that wood isn't just for floors. The advantageous properties of its surfaces mean wood can be used to transform a variety of areas in an interior – including for wall finishings, ceilings or furniture, a material to pair with underfloor heating, or even the luxury of a home sauna. From humid and wet environments to unique challenges such as yachts or fire-proofed areas, Schotten & Hansen's wooden surfaces have the ability to withstand the demands of daily life for years to come. For those who value the permanence and character of wood, Schotten & Hansen's surfaces will enhance any long-term interior scheme. [schotten-hansen.com](https://www.schotten-hansen.com)





OPPOSITE FROM TOP Schotten & Hansen's surfaces are suitable for ceiling and wall panelling or furniture fronts and table tops. They can even be used in wet areas such as bathrooms and home spas. **THIS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Another bathroom with practical, low-maintenance flooring. Doors, walls and furniture can be matched to your floor for a harmonious look. Alternatively, in this kitchen the dark units contrast with the lighter flooring. The surface veneer is glued to carrier boards, resulting in a durable multi-layer construction

