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showroom in
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'Flowers of
Liberty' tent
in 'Theodora';
fridge by
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■ The kitchen company Nicholas Anthony has just unveiled its new-look showroom in London's Knightsbridge. Located on Brompton Road, just a short walk from Harrods, it is one of five in Britain (the others being in Ascot, Cambridge, Colchester and Mayfair), features several different room displays and has been designed to fully reflect the company's reputation for luxury, quality materials and ergonomics. Nicholas Anthony, 172 Brompton Rd, London SW3 (020 7838 0588; nicholas-anthony.co.uk).

■ Mindful of how unpredictable a British summer can be, Liberty designed its two-man 'Flowers of Liberty' tent to withstand even the sharpest of downpours, so the inside will remain dry no matter what the weather may do during the music-festival season or your camping weekend. It features a multipurpose lobby and a breathable inner tent and, as well as being waterproof, is fire-retardant and UV-fade resistant. It is available in three ditsy Liberty prints – 'Betsey', 'Theodora' and 'Wiltshire' – and costs £595. Liberty, Regent St, London W1 (020 7734 1234; liberty.co.uk).

■ Designers Guild has teamed up with the tile company Bisazza to turn some of founder Tricia Guild's finest botanical print designs into sensational shimmering mosaics. The collaborative collection comprises four reworked patterns from her archive: 'Alexandria', which will transform a wall into a blowsy herbaceous border in full bloom, 'Ardassa', 'Charlottenberg' and 'Charlottenberg One'. Bisazza, 60 Sloane Ave, London SW3 (020 7584 8837; bisazza.com).

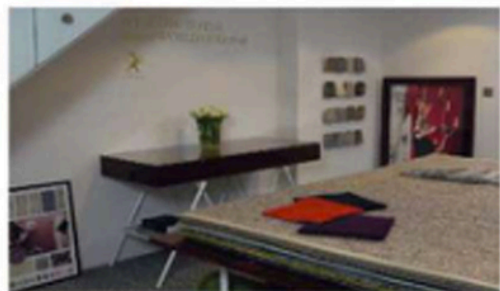
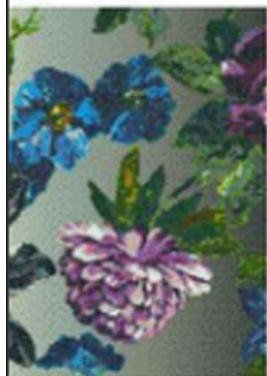
■ With their traditional joinery skills, the cabinetmaker Charlie Kingham and his highly experienced team have a vast repertoire and can turn their hands to any project a client should want, from a free-standing piece to fitted furniture for any room. Shown here is a bespoke solid-hardwood larder which has been painted in Farrow & Ball's 'Oxford Stone' and has Shaker-style doors fitted with mesh panels and shelves on the back. Charlie Kingham, 53 Blandford St, London W1 (020 7935 2255; charliekingham.co.uk).

■ Established in 1907, Pozzoli started out as an antique dealer in northern Italy before expanding into the manufacture of reproduction furniture. Its reputation rapidly grew, and soon it was being commissioned to make pieces for Victor Emmanuel III no less. The founder Giovanni Pozzoli's grandson now runs the company and has added his personal touch to designs. Ring 00 39 031 756212, or visit pozzoli.com.

■ Flooring company Sinclair Till has every room in the house covered at its recently opened Notting Hill showroom, which carries an exhaustive collection of carpets, matting, vinyl, linoleum, rugs and kilims. There is also a corner devoted to the renowned Swedish carpet and rug maker Kasthall Atelier, with which it maintains a close working relationship. Sinclair Till, 28 Chepstow Corner, Chepstow Place, London W2 (020 7792 6949; sinclairtill.co.uk).

■ Sub Zero has been in the business of making fridges for more than 70 years. Family-owned – it is now in the care of the third generation of Bakkes – the company is still based in Madison, Wisconsin, the city where it all started back in 1943. Despite having built a reputation for technological innovation, it otherwise remains true to the most basic of principles: family. 'It's a family business, and family is at the centre of everything we do,' the president and CEO Jim Bakke has said. 'That sets us apart in the appliance industry.' Sub Zero, 251 Brompton Rd, London SW3 (0845 250 0010; subzero-wolf.co.uk).

■ With their charcoal-coloured doors and carcasses, wood-block worktops and brass fittings, British Standard's utilitarian-style kitchens are beautifully understated and timeless, and make the gentlest of nods to the country's past. They also uphold a tradition of fine craftsmanship: the company, which prizes itself on good design and on a high-quality finish, is renowned for using only environmentally sustainable materials that have been sourced within our shores. British Standard, 41 Hoxton Square, London N1 (020 7870 7688; britishstandardcupboards.co.uk) ■



'Alexandria' mosaic tiles by Designers Guild and Bisazza; Pozzoli table; Sinclair Till's showroom in Notting Hill; bespoke larder by Charlie Kingham