



New Brighton shop Utility sells practical homewares with a design edge, including this enamel tea pot, £15.50, and cups, £2.50 each



BRIGHTON ROCKS

New Brighton shop Utility takes its name from the World War II scheme where everyday necessities had to be made with functional materials and minimum wastage. As you might expect, it stocks essential hardware, retro letterpress stationery and great vintage kitchenalia, as well as its own range of aprons and tea towels with typographic designs. We love its modern take on the old-fashioned general store. 28a North Road, Brighton (utilitygreatbritain.co.uk).

Make an entrance Finding stylish doors for your home can be hard, but we've discovered a modern selection at Spirit Bespoke Doors. Made to order using traditional techniques and exotic timbers, they can be tailored to your exact specifications. We love the 'Satini' (left), from £1,892, and 'Vanda' (right), from £1,930 (spiritdoors.co.uk).



Stop press! Did you know that Getty Images Gallery offers a bespoke framing service to match its huge collection of iconic prints? All frames are made, finished and polished by hand – styles we like include the tall narrow box frame, from £60, and the polished metal frame, from £220 (gettyimagesgallery.com)



PAPER WORK

It's hard to believe, we know, but this elegant white desk is actually made from corrugated cardboard! Created by Mary Dorrington Ward and Pat Doyle for Cardboard Future Limited, the eco-friendly 'Paperweight Desk' is treated with glossy varnish so it's water-resistant. It's self-assembly, but with no screws or staples required, it's a doddle to make – and costs just £140 (cardboardfuture.com).