

MOVIE MAGIC

Glam up your home with a sprinkling of old-school Hollywood charm

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While we'd all secretly quite like to strut our stuff on the red carpet and see our name in lights, we just might have to settle with injecting a dash of movie-star style into our homes instead.

We're not talking the overblown hype of today's fleeting fame but super glam Hollywood of the Thirties, Forties and Fifties.

'After a period of recession, it's only natural for people to be on the look-out for glamorous items to brighten up their homes,' says Joanna Wood, one of the UK's leading interior designers.



So Audrey! Table and basin, from £7,263, Splash Distribution, 01444 473355

‘Hollywood style is all about the use of mirrors in the home, so the silver nickel and ivory look can be extremely effective — and textures such as faux fur, mother-of-pearl and diamanté.’

For an instant Hollywood hit, John Lewis has launched a collection of Andrew Martin cushions with images taken from the classic magazine Picturegoer, while Brighton-based Dupenny has designed sensuous silk cushions emblazoned with monochrome images of burlesque dancers.

Look for Art Deco-style pieces using luxe fabrics in black, white or cream, or a sumptuous velvet chair in rich ruby red, emerald or silver. Yes, this look is all about creating a feeling of out-and-out comfort — even in the bathroom, thanks to the resurgence of gold finishes and jewel-encrusted taps.



Marilyn chest of drawers, £395, Belle Interiors, 020 8467 0290, belleinteriors.co.uk. Sloop chair, £2,160 (plus 5m fabric), somervillescott.com



Fifties diner telephone, £65, Burford Garden Company, 01993 823117 or www.burford.co.uk. Champagne bucket, £47, Occa Home, 0844 879 4258, occa-home.co.uk. Andrew Martin cushion, £49, John Lewis, 08456 049 049, johnlewis.com

‘Hollywood regency is a mix of minimalism and opulence,’ adds Juliette Thomas, of Juliette’s Interiors. ‘Think of spacious rooms carefully but dramatically furnished with lacquered tables, buttoned seating, luxurious fabrics and crystal lighting. It all harks back to the glitzy days of the Thirties before the outbreak of World War III.’

The movie-star looks can be yours whatever your budget. Scour car boot fairs and junk shops for unusual pieces and movie memorabilia, or splash out on a cocktail shaker and a couple of champagne saucers — the very epitome of old-school Hollywood glamour. Anyone for a Whiskey Sour?