

What's news

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What's that?

The Metro folding chairs from Mr Price Home are available in various colours, at R99 each or R150 for two. The design is a reproduction, inspired by the Plia chair.

Name The Plia chair

Year 1969

History The original Plia chair was designed by Giancarlo Piretti. Based on the traditional wooden folding chair but made with modern materials, it is characterized by clean lines. Folded up, each chair is barely 2.5cm thick, and is easily stackable – making it ideal in situations where storage is scarce.



BOOK NEWS

The New Safari, Design/Décor/Detail (Quivertree Publications, R395) is a feast for the eyes. Packed with inspiring new Africa style, pages of stunning photographs give new meaning to the term 'wilderness'. And no wonder – the book is compiled by a talented team: Craig Fraser (photographs), Mandy Allen (copy), Robyn Alexander (editing) and Libby Doyle (production design).



Captivating ceramics

Liesel Trautman's studio in Lower Main Road, Observatory, Cape Town has been open for a year already, but each time you enter, something new will take your breath away. Famed for her porcelainware with red and light blue motifs, she is now working on a dark blue range. Liesel's quality products are dishwasher and microwave-friendly. Call her on 073 275 9494 for an appointment to browse through the studio.



A feast for the eyes

The Queen of Tarts has expanded. Owner Tina Bester, popular in décor circles, has opened a boutique décor store, Queen of Tarts Emporium, opposite the coffee shop in Observatory, Cape Town. If you're a vintage buff, you'll love this store, where you can find embroidered napkins and page through age-old recipe books. You could even walk out with the perfect tea set for your display cabinet. Queen of Tarts Emporium is at 148 Lower Main Road, Observatory. Call 021 448 2460 for more information.

Greyton treasure trove

Get to Greyton if you can; this gorgeous town offers comfort for the soul, and boasts a variety of shops you can browse through for hours. Greyton Vintage Decorative Pieces houses unique, distinctive items for the home. Call Theresa Beukes on 082 923 5651 for details.



SWEET DREAMS

Sleep soundly on bedding that can breathe freely and has no trace of harmful chemicals. The duvets and pillows in Lifson's new Fine Fibre range has been designed in collaboration with leading hotel groups, is machine washable and can be tumble dried. For more information, call Lifson Products on 021 448 5703 or email info@lifsonproducts.co.za.

Easylife kitchens Easylife Kitchens has a brand new branch in Paarl. You'll be impressed with their kitchens, but also check out their bed- and bathroom cabinets, on the corner of Main and Mark streets, or call 021 872 3590.