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Antiques and art, leather and lighting, taps to tiles...

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COUNTER EDITIONS

This art-retailing website, which also has a gallery space in London, sells exclusive limited-edition prints by famous contemporary artists such as Tracey Emin, Martin Creed and Jake and Dinos Chapman. *29 Charlotte Road, London EC2 (countereditions.com)*



'The Japanese Gallery sells wonderful prints from as little as £10, making it a great place to pick up gifts. Choose from 18th- and 19th-century reproductions, or original works starting from £75' *23 Camden Passage, London N1 (japanesegallery.co.uk)*

EMMA KAY, SHOPPING EDITOR,
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NEW BLOOD ART

Founded by Sarah Ryan, this online gallery showcases original artwork by creatives who are at an early stage in their careers. As its artists are still relatively unknown, there's real investment potential if one of your picks hits the big time. *(newbloodart.com)*

SIGNED AND ORIGINAL

This shop sells signed, authentic artworks – from vintage playing cards to 1920s portraits – found at flea markets and charity shops. *The Peoples Hall, 2 Olaf Street, London W11 (signedandoriginal.com)*

**INSIDER GUIDE**

*Design writer **Dominic Bradbury** selects his top three British architecture practices that everyone should know about*

Anthony Hudson, founder of the award-winning **Hudson Architects**, is based in Norfolk and London, just as I am. I have known him and his work for a decade or so. His country houses, in particular, are sublime and full of ideas. Each project is thoughtful, as well as being extremely expressive in terms of the materials used.

9-10 Redwell Street, Norwich NR2 (hudsonarchitects.co.uk)

I have loved James Gorst's work ever since I visited Whithurst Lodge in West Sussex, which he designed. It's a beautifully crafted country house with a deep sense of connection to the landscape. His practice, **James Gorst Architects**, specialises in the sensitive conservation and restoration of listed buildings and the design of new homes.

The House of Detention, Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 (jamesgorstarchitects.co.uk)

One of the most accomplished and intelligent English architects working today, the eponymous founder of **John Pardey Architects** never repeats himself stylistically. His houses are full of life and vitality (see one of his sketches below), and always relate to their surroundings in a considered manner. If I had the budget to build a house, John would certainly come high up on my wish list of architects.

Beck Farm Studio, St Leonards Road, Lymington SO41 (johnpardeyarchitects.com)

