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A Copper-coloured Christmas

With the return to raw materials and the advent of industrial style decor, copper has carved out an excellent position for itself on the contemporary design scene and is making its comeback in interiors. The red metal is particularly prized at Christmas for its warm, sparkling light. Copper-coloured Christmas decorations: what could be more on-trend?

A material with a very strong visual identity, copper has in recent years forged a noticeable place for itself on the contemporary design scene. From trendy industrial raw copper to steampunk rutilant brass as well as luxurious, smooth, sparkling red, copper appeals to all interiors.

More and more designers are rediscovering the aesthetic potential of the “red metal”, its lighting effects and the possibilities for shaping it offers. Its malleability and ductility increase the options available in terms of aesthetics and form. Highly durable and 100% recyclable, copper is a popular choice in this age of eco-design.

Now, more than ever, copper decorations are a must-have for the end-of-year festivities. Whether used to decorate one’s own home, or offered as a gift, it comes as lights, vases and even candle-holders. Below is a selection of copper-themed presents to suit all budgets.

The Must-have

Copper Shade, by Tom Dixon

Whether as a single feature or in a group, the hanging Copper Shade adds sculptural sophistication to all interiors. The play of light reflecting on the copper creates a golden effect, giving the room a warm hue.

Product information

Price: €272

Diameter: 45cm

Where to buy: www.madeindesign.com

The Conran Shop, Design By, Lumière & Concept





The Forever Fashionable

The Mauviel Copper Casserole Dish

A great classic of kitchens everywhere: copper cookware maintains its popularity in the 21st century. From our grandmothers' jam pans to the casserole dishes of Michelin-starred chefs, copper cookware is unrivalled. Why? Because copper is superb at conducting heat, offering a consistent, constant temperature and limiting thermal inertia.

Product information

Price: €195

Diameter: 20 cm

Where to buy: BHV, Bon Marché, Conran Shop, and at Villeroy et Boch throughout France

The Timeless

Tripod Clock, by George Nelson

This cute clock made from brass – an alloy of copper and zinc – is a reissue of the 1947 Vitra model. It will add a retro touch to even the most modern of interiors.



Product information

Price: €245

Dimensions: 167 x 108 x 84 mm

Where to buy: BHV, Bon Marché, Conran Shop, and at Villeroy et Boch throughout France



The Elusive

Garland, at Habitat

This ethereal lampshade was designed by Tord Boontje for Habitat. It comes in the form of a long garland of metal flowers (either copper or bronze), which is wrapped around a light bulb.

Unusual and malleable, the Garland creates splashes of golden light, adding a warm glow to Christmas festivities.

Product information

Price: €25

Dimensions: 42 x H.60 cm

Where to buy: Habitat

The Unusual

Zzz

This decorative element, produced by the Italian design house Covo, adds a touch of light to the rough terracotta of potted plants. The accessory is both original and practical, taking advantage of the famous antimicrobial properties of the red metal. When inserted between the pot and the saucer, the copper helps to prevent the growth of mosquito larvae, bacteria and mould in stagnant water.



Product information

Price: €52 for 3 pieces

Dimensions: 8 x 20 cm

Where to buy: on the website www.covo-shop.com or see list of retailers at www.covo.it



The Unexpected

Grid Vase

Produced by the Turkish house Gaia&Gino, the Grid Vase collection is based on the strong visual contrast between the metal and the plants it contains. The medieval inspiration and the use of a precious material recall the world of knights and armour, translated into a contemporary design.

Product information

Price: around €450

Dimensions: 36.6 x 33.8 cm

Where to buy: Colette, Conran Shop, Printemps design

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