

Loud lacquer is the high-shine interior trend to try now

Presented in a rainbow of colours on everything from furniture to accessories, this is the easiest way to add some glossy glamour to a space

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China is perhaps the country most associated with glossy lacquerware, with red (the colour traditionally symbolising good luck) designs known to have been made there as far back as the 5th millennium BC. Fire-engine hues are still popular, but there's also an international shift towards a more exuberant palette. With brands like The Lacquer Company boosting this ancient technique's popularity, and designers increasingly drawn to its joyful sheen, expect the rainbow experimentation to continue.

1. 'Kiss' armchair, Monologue

Designed by Sebastien Bergne for Pierre Frey, this cosy chair's soft mohair upholstery makes a striking contrast with its slick, lipstick-red lacquered side panels. £6,300, monologuelondon.com



Sebastien Bergne x Pierre Frey

2. 'Bobbin' mirror, Glassette

Bertola Home Studio's cheery 'Bobbin' mirror comes in a range of different shapes, sizes and colours, but we were drawn to this perfectly round crimson version. Glossy and highly tactile, it's the perfect finishing touch for a hallway or bedroom. *From £55, glassette.com*



Glassette

3. 'Explorer' dining table, Mohd

With its smooth curves and liquid finish, Jaime Hayon's sculptural dining table for BD Barcelona will command attention in any space. Balancing form and function beautifully, the lacquered surface has a delicate feel yet is surprisingly resilient. £5,206, mohd.it



Mohd

4. 'Gustave' table lamp, Skandium

Vincent Van Duysen's famous table lamp for Flos is an easy way to inject some high-shine into a scheme. Portable and available in plenty of colours, this apple green version shows off the lacquered finish particularly well. £335, skandium.com



Flos

5. 'Ripple' box, Jonathan Adler

Want an easy way to try the trend? Jonathan Adler's series of high-gloss storage boxes is just the thing. The geometric and punchy multi-tone palette will bring a pop of colour to a shelf, mantelpiece or coffee table - while keeping clutter nice and tidy. *From £125, uk.jonathanadler.com*



Jonathan Adler

6. 'Jylia' chair, Armani Casa

This elegantly curved dining chair comes in an almost infinite variety of material and colour combinations, but this punchy Klein blue is the perfect shade to show off the lacquered legs and base for maximum impact. £9,755, armani.com



Armani Casa

7. 'Zig Zag' stool, Made in Design

Known for her love of colour which is displayed in her Amsterdam, actress Carice Van Houten designed this limited edition version of Pols Potten's 'Zig Zag' stool. Each piece is crafted in Vietnam with 12 layers of lacquer applied by hand and individually polished to create a super high shine finish. £396, madeindesign.co.uk



Pols Potten x Carice van Houten

8. 'Pilotis' side table, Minotti

The solid, geometric form of Rodolfo Dordoni's 'Pilotis' side table for Minotti takes its name from one of the architectural elements of Rationalism, referring to the slender columns on which buildings would rest. The table can be finished in Chestnut- or Malachite-coloured lacquer. £1,674, minotti.com



Minotti

9. 'Mildred' candlestick, Pooky

With its polished lacquer finish and angular profile, Pooky's 'Mildred' candlestick is just the thing for pepping up a quiet corner. From £35, pooky.com



Pooky

10. 'Rainbow' tray, Matilda Goad

The perfect tool for capturing coffee table clutter or serving cocktails, Matilda Goad's cheerful handcrafted rainbow wheel tray will brighten up any scheme. From £300, matildagoad.com



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