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SEEN ON INSTAGRAM @marialemesurier

Tell us about yourself. I'm an interior stylist and creative director of furniture business WoodEdit, based in West Sussex. My husband Paul makes all our pieces in his workshop opposite our house, where we live with our five children. I'm passionate about nature, the sea and living simply, which is reflected in my work.

Describe your Instagram account. It's largely photographs of our home to show how I style and use our furniture. Life is busy with a family of seven, so I like to live quite minimally, but with a cosy feel. I collect branches and use them to bring our brand, and house, alive. It's all about being real – I use what I see and is in season.

What is your account's USP? The use of nature, a lot of the time large scale. Always seasonal and simple, using materials such as wood, terracotta, linen, jute and grass.

Which accounts should we follow?
@woodedituk for stylish handmade furniture.
@emilyscottfood follows her journey of creating a seaside restaurant and has lots of seascapes and beautiful imagery. @growingthoughts is a chic account of antiques, decorative objects, art, gardens and interiors with a Spanish influence.
@sleepydoe_bath offers sleepwear for women and children, incorporating simple interiors.



IN THE GARDEN: SWEET PEAS

Sarah Raven gives tips on sowing this season: 'I sow sweet peas in a Roottrainer or similar pot with a long, thin profile. Sweet peas benefit from being sown like this, forming bushier, bulkier plants at twice the pace. Once ready to go out, we grow sweet peas over arches, teepees and trellises made of coppiced hazel, silver birch or willow, making fabulous scented walkways through June and July.'

PHOTOGRAPH: JONATHAN BUCKLEY, BUCKETS OF SWEET PEAS COLLECTION, £16.99 FOR EIGHT PACKS OF SEEDS, SASSY HEAVEN.COM



FOR THE BOOKSHELF

The resurgence of craft is set to continue this year, as many of us focus on the handmade. Julius Arthur's new book, *Modern Quilting: A Contemporary Guide to Quilting by Hand*, provides a guide on techniques used to make quilts. Out on 27 May, £18.99, Hardie Grant.

