

A little bit of distress can be a good thing, as demonstrated by these sweet carved wooden chests. Perfect for popping beside your bed and stashing away trinkets and treasures, the understated whitewashed finish will complement any décor or colour scheme, and the cut-out feature adds a romantic design detail. www.retreat-home.com



Vintage style is renowned for both its simplicity and penchant for ornate design features, as featured on this quaint cabinet. The intriguing combination of finishes and the decorative details in the carving and handles transform this piece from high street bargain to antique treasure. www.debenhams.com



Vigorate your interiors with a collection of fresh summer flowers, exhibited in French country style urns. Adorn your dressing or dining table to create an attractive seasonal display that will lift your décor and brighten your spirit. www.uniquechicfurniture.co.uk

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Vintage doesn't have to be traditional, as demonstrated by this reclaimed metal trolley. This contemporary take on a bureau still has a retro twist with the worn finish, and provides the perfect stylish alternative to a plain desk or shelving unit. Plus, the handy wheels mean that you can switch round the layout of your room in an instant. www.coxandcox.co.uk



If you want to keep your knick-knacks neat and tidy but out to admire, display them in a vintage style letter case. The shallow shelving unit is decorated in the enduring shabby chic style, and is a quick and simple way to create a feature wall in your home. www.desresdesign.co.uk



A contemporary suitcase may not immediately spring to mind as a stylish storage solution, but their predecessors are a quirky way to contain clutter. Stack them neatly in a corner or at the foot of your bed to keep your linens out of sight. We love the rustic finish but if you fancy a challenge, turn to page 30 for our fabulous upcycling project. www.thebeehivelifestyle.com

STYLE ADVICE

RAID YOUR LOCAL CHARITY SHOPS IN SEARCH OF VINTAGE GEMS TO DISPLAY AROUND YOUR HOME, OR TIRED PIECES OF FURNITURE THAT YOU CAN PEP UP WITH A LICK OF PAINT AND NEW SET OF KNOBS. DON'T OVERLOOK THE BATTERED OR THE BROKEN. LET YOUR CREATIVE SENSES TAKE OVER!