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Combine the very best of the past and present for a contemporary yet glamorous look...

O THINK about glamour is to think about a bygone era, whether it's the Art-Deco Twenties or Hollywood in the Fifties. But infusing the luxury and excess of the past with a more refined, contemporary minimalism creates a whole new look, known as modern glamour, that pushes the boundaries without falling off the precipice of taste.

1 Diamond Bathtub If you think Tony Montana's taste is a little on the conservative side, how about this bathtub? Price on request, maisonvalentina.net 2 Gold Drip Tease teapot and milk jug This classic teapot and milk jug set is transformed with drips of gold mimicking unsightly stains. Fine bone china, decorated in Staffordshire. From £16.50,

reikokaneko.co.uk 3 Herringbone table Designed by award-winning designer Bethan Gray, the table's distinctive zigzag pattern unites white Carrara and black Nero Marquina marble with a solid brass base. Limited edition of

10 only. £30,000, lapicida.com

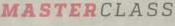
4 Fraschini Lamp Thanks to its subtly ribbed glass, this is the kind of piece that gets your attention without asking for it. £715, christopherwray.com 5 Ditchling Chair Covered in Liberty

Garden Onyx, there is something disgracefully graceful about this traditionally proportioned chair. £1,254, sofasandstuff.com 6 Labirinto

A miniature bedside bookcase channelling a Seventies disco aesthetic is not something you see every day. £690, natuzzi.co.uk 7 Kate Hume Pebbles Vase These beautiful, handblown glass vases are both luxurious and organic. £360, conranshop.co.uk

8 King Edison Pendant Lamp Designed by Young & Battaglia, this pendant features a miniature King chandelier inside an Edison bulb. £504, mineheart.com

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Interior designer Almas Shamsee of Maisha Design [maishadesign.com] explains how to get modern glamour just right:



■ The key to modern glamour is keeping it subtle. Combine clean lines with touches of sparkle.

Textured wallpaper adds instant glamour and softens the room.

If the budget allows, a clean marble floor will instantly add a wow factor.

A beautifully designed piece of furniture, such as a chair in a luxury fabric, in an otherwise simple room. Munna do some beautiful pieces if you want to splurge, otherwise re-upholster an existing piece.

Change the handles on an

existing cabinet – I love using handles in beautiful finishes such as shell from Chloe Alberry on Portobello Road.

Add a couple of luxurious cushions together with a cashmere throw to a contemporary living room.

Oversize lamps combined

with a tall headboard are

WHERE TO BUY

Interior designer Jessica Buckley (jessicabuckley. co.uk) shares her shopping tips when on the look out for glamour:



'If money's no object then buy homewares from Linley - the craftsmanship is exquisite and the material quality is second to none. Liberty and The Conran Shop offer a more eclectic but no less glamorous selection. For a real blow-out luxury home purchase, commission a silk rug from Luke Irwin or The Rug Company.'

