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NORDIC STAR

While scouring this year's Christmas press events in search of inspirational ideas, we were delighted to discover Danish brand Ferm Living's latest collection of ornaments, including the modern geometric designs (above), which cost from £8 each. If you like the look, the smart Christmas tree foot, £49, continues the theme. See the collection at fermliving.com.



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OLD-SCHOOL COOL

A fun addition to any child's bedroom or home office, Michael & George's quirky lamp, from £988, is an overscale replica of the classic HB pencil. Standing 168cm tall, it's made from cedar, with a yellow satin finish and distinctive gold lettering. The 8m cable, which can be arranged as a doodle, adds a witty touch. Bespoke colours, lettering and length of cable are also available. Contact 07727 726269, michaelandgeorge.com.



Ella sofa (diamond back), from £3,620. Bethan Gray at WorkHouse.

BRIGHT SPARKS Upholding its commitment to supporting local craftsmen, furniture maker WorkHouse has joined forces with designer Bethan Gray to produce a British-made range of upholstered seating. The shapely Ella collection comprises a sofa and armchair, both available in various sizes and leg options and with a choice of buttoned or plain back. Contact 020 7247 1815, workhousecollection.co.uk.



MAKE THE CUT

Design duo Scholten & Baijings has taken cut crystal to another level with its contemporary Elements collection. Produced by new Irish company J Hill's Standard, the distinctive hand-cut range includes glasses of every style, from whisky and wine to Champagne. Prices start at £131 for a low tumbler. Available at hillsstandard.com.

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