

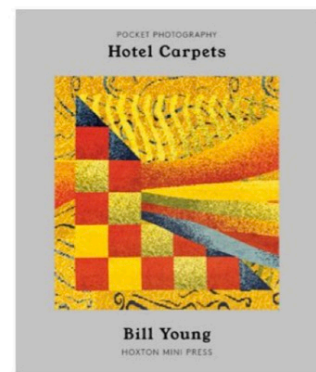
CELEBRATE CRAFT

Growing up in the Portuguese seaside town of Albufeira, textile designer Vanessa Barragao was drawn to the beauty of the ocean. Using waste materials from local textile factories and myriad techniques, from hand-tufting to macramé, her pieces are three-dimensional works of art which reference the coral and marine life she loves. Vanessa is supported by the Michelangelo Foundation, a non-profit organisation that helps preserve crafts by nurturing young talent. Price on application (vanessabarragao.com; michelangelofoundation.org).



WHITER SHADE OF PALE

For those of you attracted to understated decoration, this capsule collection of five white paints devised by interior designer Alix Lawson is the calming palette you've been craving. The shades span brilliant white to those with grey or creamier undertones. All are named after streets in London's Notting Hill, where Lawson lives. £45 for 2.5 litres of matt emulsion (alixlawsonpaint.com).



THE JOY OF CARPET

Pilot Bill Young has seen a lot of hotels while flying around the world, but it was only after being encouraged by his daughter to create the Instagram account [@myhotelcarpet](https://www.instagram.com/myhotelcarpet) that he began photo-documenting the loud, bizarre and frankly bonkers carpets in their lobbies. Share in his obsession with new book *Hotel Carpets* (Hoxton Press, £9.95; hoxtonminipress.com).