

WISH LIST

1 Last-minute present hint to our loved ones – this DAB digital radio has been designed by the king of glam prints himself, Matthew Williamson, and is therefore Very Desirable Indeed. It's available from branches of John Lewis, all of which are open until at least 4pm today; £125, 08456 049049 (johnlewis.com).

2 Mug trees are inexcusable. Mug racks, on the other hand, are rather a good idea since they take storage pressure off shelves and cupboards. This one comes with four colour-toning mugs. One for the must-buy list, we reckon; £25, by Joseph Joseph, 020-7261 1800 (josephjoseph.com).

3 Come January, the design world will be focusing on all things Chinese, so why not get ahead of the trend by knocking yourself up a cushion in one of John Stefanidis' new Beijing fabrics? Pricey, but so right for 2006. Ladakh silk taffeta in Dusky Blue (W: 130cm), £129.95 a metre, from John Stefanidis, 020-7808 4700 (stefanidisfabrics.com).

4 This is the perfect stocking. Made from folksy American fabrics, it has the family heirloom feel that's so important at Christmas, but without any of those nasty, musty smells. If you can't make it to London EC1 today, at least you can phone up and reserve one for next year. Patchwork stocking, £35, by Chica Wixon, from Saloon, 020-7278 4497.

5 People should always write thank you letters, and if they write them on fabulously on-trend note cards such as these, then so much the better. Medina Hot Thank You cards, £12.50 for 10, from Billet Doux, 01929 439003 (billetdoux.co.uk). **Charlotte Abrahams**

