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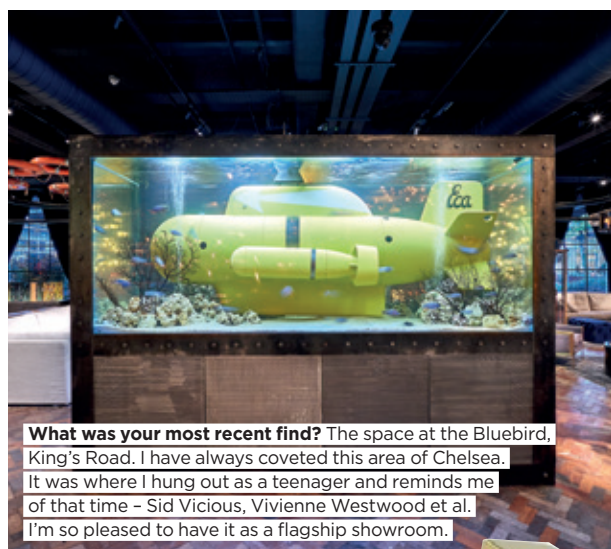


# TIMOTHY OULTON

*Snow domes and Louis Vuitton do it for this designer*



Timothy Oulton



**What was your most recent find?** The space at the Bluebird, King's Road. I have always coveted this area of Chelsea. It was where I hung out as a teenager and reminds me of that time – Sid Vicious, Vivienne Westwood et al. I'm so pleased to have it as a flagship showroom.

**Most extravagant thing you've bought for your home?** A ten tonne piece of amethyst from Uruguay. Don't ask me why but the more you hang around crystal, the more you feel the energy – they emit a charge.

**House warming present?** It has to be something of your own that you give away – that's a true gift.



**Unsung design hero?** Martin Waller from Andrew Martin – he dared to be different. And Robert Kime, whose decorating is timeless.

## Where do you find inspiration?

I follow the Paul Smith adage: 'you can find inspiration in anything and if you can't, look again'.

## What's the last piece of art you bought?

A picture of Chairman Mao made from Hong Kong stamps with the Queen's face. I wish I hadn't though as I can't do anything with it because of copyright. I am also obsessed with Louis Vuitton flower trunks, little boxes that held flowers as a gift.

There are only six leather ones that were ever made, and I have two.

## What gadget could you not live without?

My phone. I love Instagram – I'm a late adopter but I love how you can learn about a brand in seconds.

**What do you collect?** Dunhill lighters. I have 240, all made by one guy. They twinkle.

**What would you never throw away?** My snow domes. I have about 40. They remind me of trips abroad.

**Whose home would you most like to have a nose around?**

Manolo Blahnik's house in Bath.

## Which designers do you have your eye on?

Philippe Starck – he always pulls it out the bag. Also industrial designer, Marc Newson.

**What's beside your bed?** A Timothy Oulton side table – logs suspended in an acrylic block.

## How can we live more self-sufficiently?

Buy fewer, buy better.

## What are you currently working on?

I want to design complete spaces, not just sell furniture.

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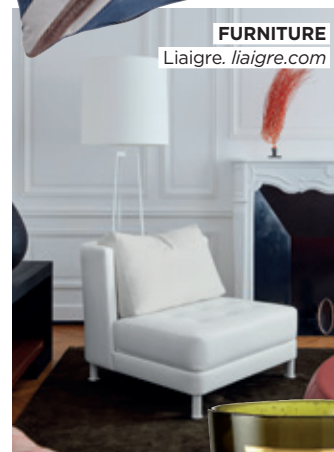
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