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**Holland Cooper** 

Known for its equestrian-inspired tailoring and quintessentially British tweeds, clothing brand Holland Cooper has now extended its offering to include timeless lifestyle accessories including this luxurious blanket. Crafted from supple wool and finished with blanket-stitched trims and a statement jacquard logo, this square design will make a fabulous gift – it comes packaged with a hand-tied ribbon and pretty green box, 154cm x 180cm.

£345, hollandcooper.com

Dior

Just launched, the SS25 blanket to buy will be the limited edition Dior Maison throw, created by Cordelia de Castellane. Featuring the CD Entrelacé logo in a variety of bright hues. Wool and cashmere, 180cm x 140cm.

£600, dior.com Louis Vuitton

Technically a scarf, this bright checkered textile, in Pharrell Williams's distinctive style, doubles as an opulent blanket. Louis Vuitton LV Vers Damier Plaid, 100 per cent wool, 178cm x 140 cm.

£1,180, uk.louisvuitton.com

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£180, delecuona.com

Oyuna

From Oyuna, the London-based Mongolian cashmere brand, Stone throw, in moss and slate, 180cm x 120cm.

£1,295, oyuna.com

Connolly

Drove checkered wool blanket by Connolly, 167cm x 160cm.

£845, connollyengland.com

Granite + Smoke

Is it art or a cosy throw? The double-sided Dash blanket from Granite + Smoke, woven in lambswool and cashmere, can also be a wall hanging, 175cm x 150cm.

£690, theroost.com

Tiger

You love the rings, now buy the blankets. Tiger blanket in Moss, from the Animal collection by the jewellery designer Diane Kordas, 127cm x 170cm.

£590, dianekordasjewellery.com

Orun

Bright and beautiful, Orun is Yinka Ilori's take on the classic plaid throw, in sunshine hues and 100 per cent cotton, 127cm x 179cm.

£165, shop.yinkailori.com

Hollie Ward

Hollie Ward's blankets, handwoven from British deadstock (discarded wool, cashmere and mohair), are sumptuously soft. The tartan pattern is a legacy of her love of punk music. Rose blanket, in wool, 100cm x 196cm.

£800, themerchantstable.co.uk

Jermaine Gallacherin

JG Bed Blanket, by Jermaine Gallacher in collaboration with Cushendale, a sixth-generation mill in Kilkenny, is woven from the wool of Ireland's indigenous Galway flock, 230cm x 220cm.

£600, jermainegallacher.com

Johnstons of Elgin

New from Johnstons of Elgin at August + Co, Block Jacquard Blanket Stitched Throws in 90 per cent merino and 10 per cent cashmere, 190cm x 140cm.

£645, johnstonsofelgin.com

Feldspar

Feldspar's limited edition Moor blanket, inspired by walks on Dartmoor, is woven in superfine Geelong lambswool, 135cm x 220cm.

£588, feldspar.studio

**Bentley Home** 

Bentley Home's Shaded Diamond wool throw, with a pattern inspired by Bentley car interiors, 180cm x 140cm.

£950, luxurylivinggroup.com

British Blanket Co x Grace Gillespie

A limited edition collaboration between British Blanket Co and Grace Gillespie, the Cloud Cotton Pink Flowers blanket is made from recycled cotton, 160cm x 200cm.

£195, thebritishblanketcompany.com

Johnston's of Elgin

Beautiful Bronze, 100 per cent cashmere throw from Johnston's of Elgin, 190cm x 140cm.

£995, johnstonsofelgin.com

Toast

Toast's tasselled blanket, woven with striped pattern, made from lambswool from traceable New Zealand flocks, 130cm x 200cm.

£99, www.toa.st