



# Valencia Collection

## Made in Spain

**THE 100TH IDEAL HOME SHOW WAS HELD IN LONDON RECENTLY. KAREN BUCCERI OF ITALIAN-WELSH INTERIOR DESIGN COMPANY TRENDY PRODUCTS EXPLAINS WHAT WAS DIFFERENT.**

Technological innovations for the home have always featured at the Ideal Home Show. This year, as well as taking inspiration from fabulous design ideas, I also learned that the first Ideal Home Show in 1908 coincided with the launch of the model T Ford – the first affordable production line car that would change the pace of life in America and Europe for ever.

Among the cutting-edge technology on show at this year's show, I realised that there was one product, very familiar to those first visitors in 1908, which has continued to be one of the most

popular furniture pieces in our homes: the brass or metal bed.

With all the different options for bedroom furniture available today, our love affair with the brass or metal bed can't just be about practicality (all that handy storage space under the bed) and good value for money. They have certainly always had sensuous appeal and we definitely associate them with comfort.

I always picture a brass bed when I hear that quote from the Edwardian actress about marriage

being the result of 'longing for the deep, deep, peace of the double bed after the hurly-burly of the chaise longue'. However, I wonder whether the real reason they have remained so popular is because the bedroom, a room that is wholly ours, is the one space where we feel really free to express our individuality in our choice of furniture. Whether we crave simplicity or a fairytale fantasy, a brass or metal bed will always deliver.

One of the reasons that I'm so enthusiastic about our exclusive Valencia bedroom furniture is that, among many beautiful pieces, it includes

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