

INTERIOR NEWS

Sustainable living

● A unique eco show home has been launched by Cloud Nine at Cornwall College, Camborne. Cloud Nine is a consortium of designers, engineers and technologists who have collaborated to produce an innovative selection of modular homes to meet the ever-growing demand for an environmentally sound lifestyle. Constructed in Poland from sustainable supplies of slow grown timber and running on natural resources and low levels of electricity, there are four homes in the range, including the two-bedroom Bude and the four-bedroom Lamorna. Each contemporary building comes with cutting-edge interior design, including a fully equipped kitchen and bathroom. The homes are constructed from natural products, ensuring they are exceptionally well insulated, which will bring down the cost of heating bills to as low as £41 per year for the two-bedroom unit. Planning permission may not be required on the smaller Bude home, but this would need to be investigated prior to construction. The combination of style and ecology is the winning formula here and could well be the shape of things to come. Prices from £88,000.

Info Cloud Nine, Parc Ecologic, Trevenson Road, Pool, Redruth. 0870 803 4640 www.cloudnine-living.com.

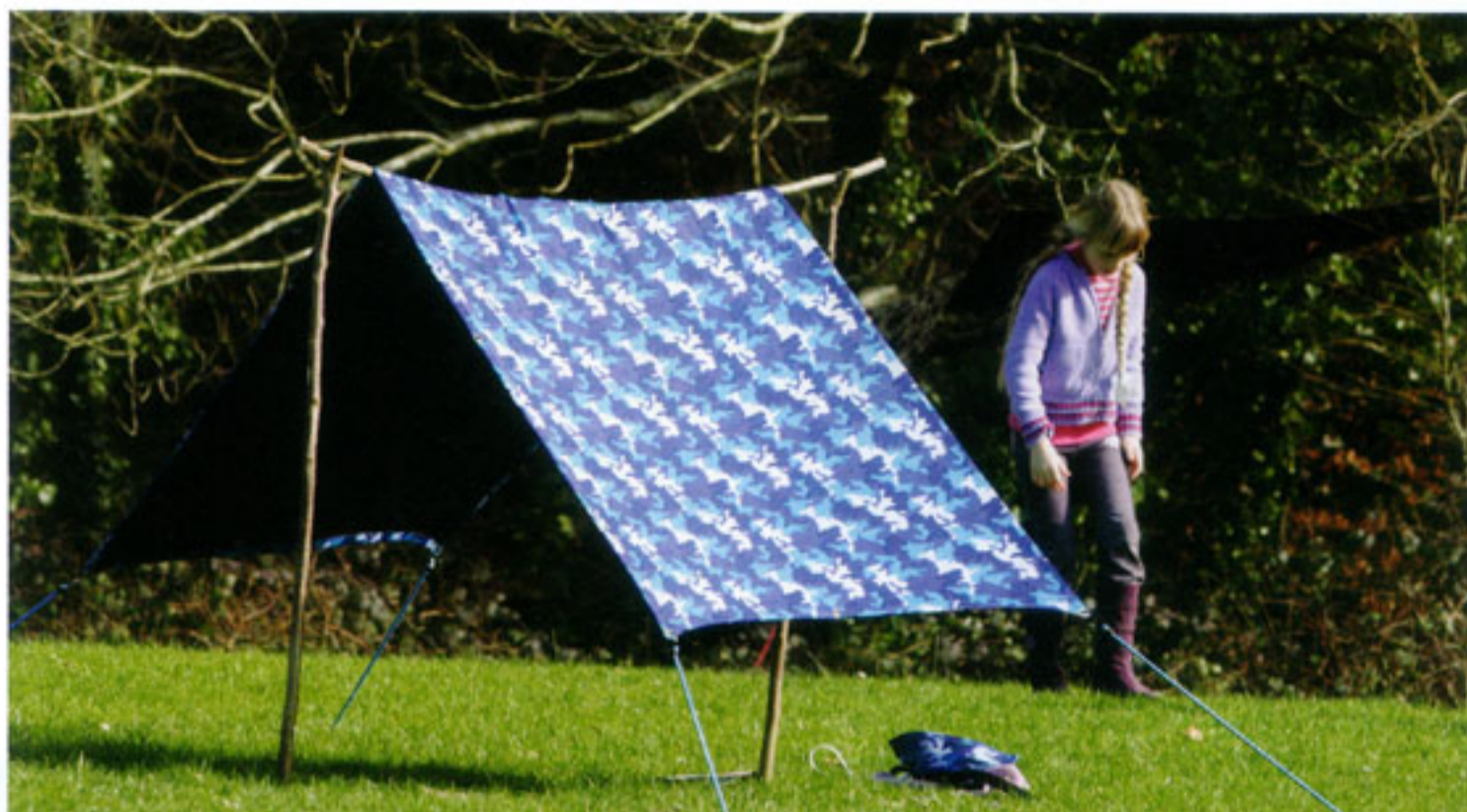


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Ethical shopping
at The Eden Project Shop If you can't wait to get down to Eden this summer, then go online instead as it has just launched an online shop. Cyber shoppers can purchase with peace of mind as all the items are environmentally sound and can be delivered to your door, cutting down on carbon emissions from everyone driving to the shops.
Info www.edenproject.com

Right top Nomadic Mats
Middle Kitchen tiles by Fired Earth
Bottom ABC bedlinen from the 'Cath Kids' range by Cath Kidston
Left Interior and exterior of Cloud Nine eco home at Cornwall College

Interior shorts

GREAT PRODUCTS FOR LIVING IN STYLE



Weather proofing

NOMADIC MAT

● Entrepreneur Jacci Jourdan has designed a versatile piece of equipment known as the Nomadic Mat. Created here in Cornwall from neoprene, the brightly coloured mats are 100 per cent rainproof and have all manner of uses, including a picnic blanket, a groundsheet for camping or as a shelter from the rain. The four eyelets allow you to convert the mat into a canopy for protection from the sun or rain, with the help of two bungee cords and a handy tree or other support, and four pegs allow you to pin the mat down in windy weather. The Nomadic Mat is simple, versatile and practical and is an essential piece of equipment to protect you from the erratic Cornish weather. Price £39.99 plus £5.50 P&P.

Info 01837 840919 www.nomadicmats.com

Shop till you drop

CATH KIDSTON

● Nationally recognised for vintage-inspired home and lifestyle products, Cath Kidston shops span the country.



Now fans will be pleased to know that the latest store has just opened up on St Ives' busy Fore Street. Housed in a former fisherman's cottage with its own garden, the shop will offer the full range of quirky products, including homewares and clothing.

Info Cath Kidston, 67 Fore Street, St Ives. 01736 798001 www.cathkidston.co.uk



Hot new showroom

FIRED EARTH

● Fans of the Fired Earth brand will be pleased to know that it now has a showroom in Truro. It caters for a range of creative tastes by offering designs from urban retro to hand-painted English ceramics. Hand-crafted wall and floor tiles, a painting range created by Grand Designs' Kevin McCloud and a large selection of kitchen and bathroom goods are just some of the products available. With an emphasis on customer service and quality products, Fired Earth is a welcome newcomer to the county.

Info Fired Earth, Little Castle Street, Truro. 01872 277110 www.firedearth-truro.co.uk