

# In search of a stain-proof rug

This week, Jordan Cluroe and Russell Whitehead, aka **2 Lovely Gays**, advise on cutlery, carpets and drinks cabinets

**Q:** I want to replace my cutlery. Should I stick to plain silverware or are you fans of anything a bit more unusual? If so, any recommendations?

**A:** There are so many amazing cutlery options out there right now and it's a really easy table update. For glamour, try the incredibly affordable gold cutlery set (£34.99, Argos, below right). To really push the boat out, Anthropologie has a beautiful 24-carat rose gold-plated set (above right) that's to die for at £28 per place setting. It's called Bronze Age cutlery and its unusual shape and colour will wow your dinner guests. It's fun to keep these in a drawer for special occasions and dinner parties, while having a stainless steel set for everyday use.



**Q:** Is there such a thing as a stain-proof rug, or at least a hard-wearing, decent-looking one?

**A:** In all honesty? Not really. However, there are a couple of things that can really help. One is Stain Guard. At only £6.49 a can, this is an affordable solution.

A far more interesting one for us, though, is patterned carpet. Patterns can be very forgiving and hide a multitude of spills, and they are about to come back with a bang. At this year's Milan Design festival, they were everywhere. Big brand Moooi executed the trend with great style and class. For a similar buy closer to home, try the Plantation Rug Company (plantationrug.co.uk).

Another top tip is to go for 100 per cent wool as it has natural stain resistance and can be cleaned successfully. Try Brintons carpets for the very best in British quality. Whatever option you choose, be bold with the pattern and colour.



**Dual purpose:** Moooi's striking floor coverings will transform your living space - and hide the odd stain



**Design gurus:** 2 Lovely Gays (above) recommend M&S's Carraway drinks cabinet



**Q:** I want new tiles in the bathroom and fancy really big ones but I've been told metro/hospital tiles are the thing. Any thoughts or advice? Is painting the walls on trend or is all-tiles the way to go?

**A:** If you fancy big tiles, go for it. It's a great look and porcelain, large-scale and printed marble tiles have advanced so much now they can be stunning. For a cutting-edge look that gives the popular metro tile

a run for its money try Brit brand Johnsons Tiles' Prismatics range. They have hundreds of subtly different shades in matt or gloss finish so you can really mix it up and create a mural effect. Prices start at £23.78 per square metre.

**Q:** I'd like a fun drinks cabinet. What do you suggest?

**A:** Try The Peanut Vendor (thepeanutvendor.co.uk) for vintage stunners or trawl your

local antiques shop - you never know what you might find. A vintage piece can really ground an interior scheme. And for a touch of glamour check out Marks & Spencer's new deco-inspired collection featuring the Carraway drinks cabinet (£599, marksandspencer.com).

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