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# Fifty shades of grey

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DESIGNERS are taking EL James's erotic novel *Fifty Shades of Grey* to heart, making grey one of this season's top colours. Sophisticated and versatile, its tones extend from "greige" – where grey meets beige – through dove and silvers to warm nickels, French greys and flat charcoal. Interiors experts are using the colour as a neutral backdrop, or layering its shades to create a glamorous look for any room – not just a boudoir.

1 Silk specialist James Hare fabrics are priced from £25 a metre. Shown here is the Westbury collection: Swedish blind in Trailing Tree Silk in French grey (£86 a metre); cushions in Silk Circles in greiling grey (£50 a metre); Trailing Tree linen in gosling grey (£67 a metre), and Trailing Tree silk in mistletoe grey (£86 a metre). Call 0113 243 1204 ([james-hare.com](http://james-hare.com)).

2 The Scene XXL chair in grey is the perfect perch for a quiet moment with a paperback or ebook. By Gijs Papavoine for Montis, it costs £1,220 at Viaduct, 1-10 Summers Street, EC1. Call 020 7278 8456 ([viaduct.co.uk](http://viaduct.co.uk)).

3 Jazz up your walls with Graham & Brown's "Ponder" wallpapers. Their three-dimensional illusions and geometric patterns, here shown in a grey tonal palette, will excite interest

Interior designers are layering the colour's shades together to create a glamorous look for any room

in any style of interior. £20 roll. Call 0800 328 8452 ([graham-brown.com](http://graham-brown.com)).

4 The Parisian dancers in C. Guy's wallpiece are crafted

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4 Justin van Breda's X-frame lamp has a stainless steel base and light grey linen shade. From £220. Call 020 7751 4125 (j-v-b.com).

5 Pebble grey teams with heartwood in this new Neil Lerner kitchen. Matching worktops with a glass-top bar, tall cupboards and suspended sideboards gives a modern architectural look. Kitchens from £30,000. Call 020 7433 0705 (neillerner.com).

6 Dine in style with a set of grey-leather Nelland dining chairs by Terence Conran for M&S Home at £299 a pair. Add Ilsey crockery, also designed by Terence Conran, to co-ordinate the look. Dinner plates are £8. Call 0845 603 1603 (marksandspencer.com).

7 Graham & Brown's "Minge" wallpaper creates a shimmering landscape of variegated trees, giving walls a muted, ethereal feel. £25 per 10m roll (as before).

8 These metal-clad cubes in polished steel by Laurameroni stand 43.5cm tall and cost from £1,900. Matching coffee tables are from £2,500, cabinets from £7,500, sideboards from £5,770. Call Keir Townsend on 020 7746 2442 (keirtownsend.com).

