

LIVE THE LIFE...LOVE THE STYLE

# COUNTRY HOMES & INTERIORS

## Wonder & Magic

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOMES  
DRESSED UP FOR THE SEASON

*Get ready for*  
**THE HOLIDAYS!**

**COSY LIVING SPACES  
& DINING ROOM  
INSPIRATION**

"I care for  
reindeer in the  
Scottish hills"

## A Christmas TO CHERISH

❖ **THOUGHTFUL GIFTS FOR LOVED ONES** ❖ **A FESTIVE FEAST  
TO SHARE** ❖ **NATURAL GARLANDS & DECORATIONS**

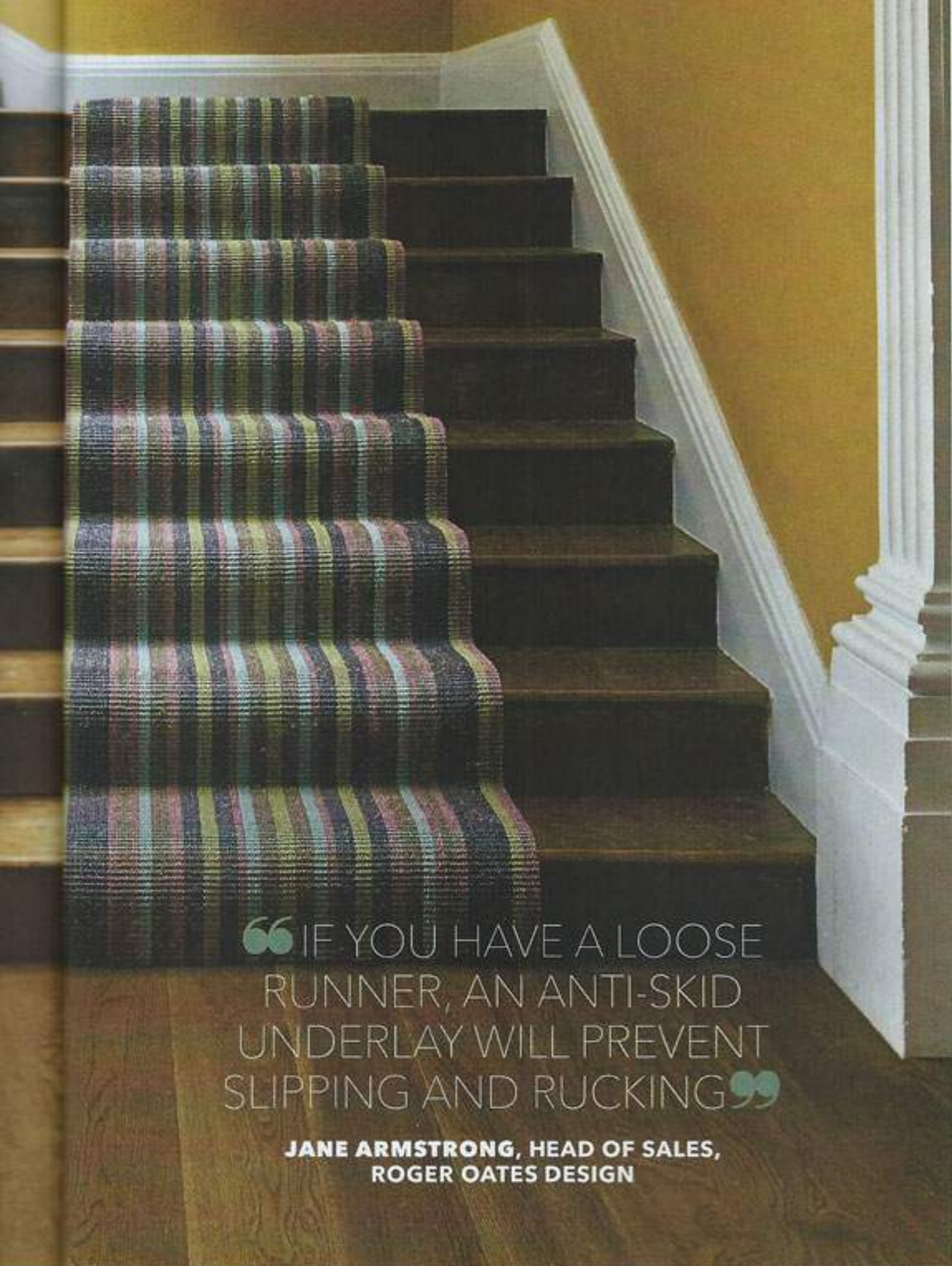
DECEMBER 2020  
E4.70  
12  
770951301280

FUTURE



## SPLASH OF COLOUR

Bring warmth to a large open staircase with a striped sisal runner in a mix of colourful and muted hues. As well as creating an attractive, modern appearance, the natural grass fibre flooring will muffle sound and soften heavy footsteps as family members climb up and down the stairs. Continue the runner along the landing for a cohesive look.



“IF YOU HAVE A LOOSE RUNNER, AN ANTI-SKID UNDERLAY WILL PREVENT SLIPPING AND RUCKING”

JANE ARMSTRONG, HEAD OF SALES,  
ROGER OATES DESIGN

## Need to know... Buying carpets

■ **CONSIDER THE ROOM** and your family circumstances. A bedroom, for example, takes far less wear than a stair carpet.

■ **IF YOU CHOOSE A RUNNER...** Leave between 5-15cm of sub-floor exposed either side of it for the best look.

■ **A PROFESSIONAL CARPET INSTALLER IS ESSENTIAL** 'Fitting is a skill and all carpets should be fitted in accordance with BS5352, the British Standard for the installation of textile floor coverings,' says Rupert Anton of the The Carpet Foundation.

■ **BUY A GOOD QUALITY RUBBER CRUMB** and felt underlay. It will prolong the life of your carpet and feel softer underfoot.

■ **BUY FROM A CARPET FOUNDATION MEMBER** They work under a Code of Practice approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.

■ **WOOL CARPETS NEED CAREFUL CLEANING** To clean spillages, Lisa Conway, residential marketing manager at Brintons, says: 'Use a blotting/dabbing action, or if available, a wet suction vacuum cleaner. Do not rub as this will cause the pile to burst.'



Rare Breeds Loop  
in Canvas, £42sq  
m, Brockway

## PURE AND SIMPLE

Soft and sumptuous, this Rare Breeds Loop carpet is made from undyed wool, blended into pale neutral shades. It has a tog rating of 1.57, so can be used with underfloor heating. 'For underfloor heating to operate efficiently, the thermal resistance of the carpet and underlay should not exceed 2.5 togs, which means over 90% of carpets and underlays are suitable,' says Rupert Anton of The Carpet Foundation.



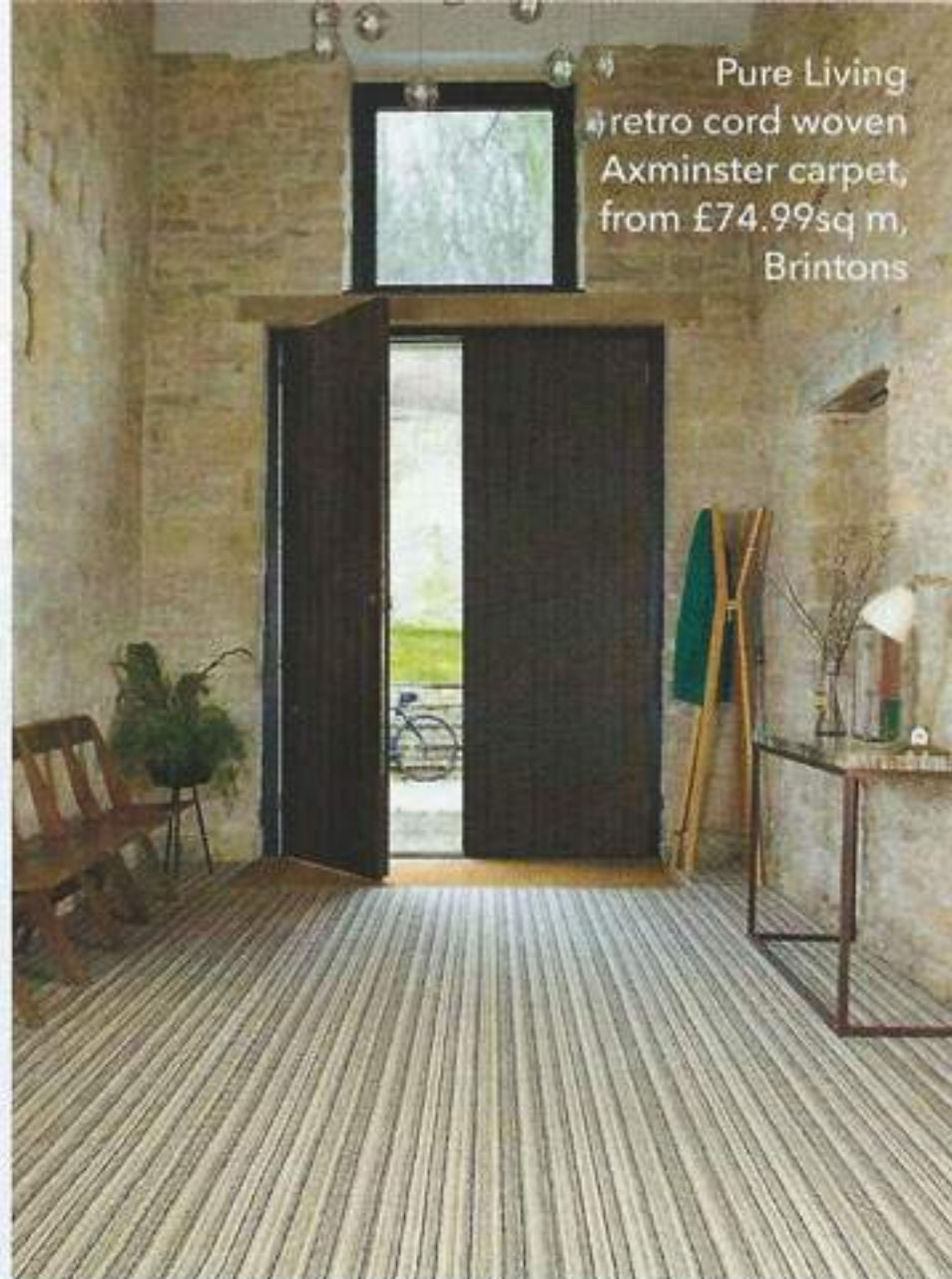
“FOR AREAS OF HEAVY WEAR, THE BEST MIX IS 80% WOOL AND 20% SYNTHETIC FIBRE SO YOU COMBINE THE BEST ELEMENTS OF BOTH”

**RUPERT ANTON, THE CARPET FOUNDATION**



### NATURAL LOOK

The rich golden tones and rustic texture of this boucle sisal would work well in most modern, country homes, particularly in a boot room or communal space where you come in from the outdoors. Not only does it connect well visually, sisal is made from the leaf fibre of the plant *Agave Sisalana* and spun into a yarn, so it's strong, versatile and hard-wearing, making it suitable for busy areas.



Pure Living  
retro cord woven  
Axminster carpet,  
from £74.99sq m,  
Brintons

### WALL TO WALL

Carpeting the hallway will guarantee a warm welcome to your home. 'Patterns are perfect for high-traffic areas, such as hallways, where dust and dirt are repeatedly trodden into the carpet,' says Lisa Conway, residential marketing manager at Brintons. 'The texture of wool coupled with a warm colour is a great way to build a comfortable décor scheme.'



Design Folio  
geometric wren  
rug, £180lin m,  
Grosvenor Wilton

### GO BESPOKE

If wall-to-wall carpet is not your thing, but you enjoy the comfort and cosiness of something soft underfoot, go to Grosvenor Wilton for a custom-made rug from its Design Folio collection. The prestigious carpet manufacturer has a huge archive of modern and heritage designs and can craft a bespoke carpet or rug to any size or specification.