

CUSHIONS



31 STRAIGHT FLUSH
Ace of Spades cushion, £7, F&F Home at Tesco



32 BY THE SEA
Glorious Cornwall cushion, £22.99, Coastal Home



33 ALLA FLUTTER
Butterfly cushion, £12, Dobbies



Stylists AT HOME



34 'If storage space is limited, invest in a few vintage suitcases - they look lovely filled with books.' PAT

35 *Can't stand your kitchen floor? Hide it under a large wipeable outdoor rug.*

39 Start a collection of vintage fruit crates - keep your eyes open for them at car-boot sales. Stack to create a freestanding shelf area for books or display.

42 Thinner fruit crates can often be found at your local fruit and veg market at the end of trading. While they don't have the sturdiness of their vintage counterparts, use them inside cupboards to store veg or cleaning products.

36 Kitchen unit doors past their best? Carefully unscrew and remove them and the hinges (keeping the bits safe) to create open shelving - they're easy to put back on if you need to. Store under your bed if you don't have a garage or garden shed.

38 Create a country-style look in your kitchen and hide unsightly appliances by stringing up a curtain over the front. Simply choose your favourite fabric, sew a channel into the top edge then suspend on net curtain wire (above). Melinki One Woodland fabric, £26 per m, Scion.

40 Crates are also easy to move when the time comes to leave your rented place, keeping magazines and books contained rather than scattered around the house.

43 If you've got a compact kitchen but a reasonably sized dining space, consider buying a freestanding kitchen unit for storing lesser-used kitchen items, such as cake tins and food processors.

41 Little touches, like switching drawer knobs, can make a big impact. Ensure new ones fit through the same holes to avoid any drilling. Bombay Duck Butterfly handle, £5.95, John Lewis.

44 Often used in shop displays, a pegboard is super practical for the home, too. Lean one against a wall and paint it the same colour. Use pegs and hooks to hang up all sorts of useful items.

