

LIVING IN THE SOUTH

THE ORIGINAL BEDSTEAD COMPANY

As its name suggests, the OBC specialises in bed frames, with an emphasis on traditional, hand-crafted metal beds in iron, brass, nickel and chrome. There are three main ranges: the

OBC Collection comprises 54 of the most popular model and size combinations, which are usually held in stock. These include the Camolin (shown right), from £819 for a 4ft frame. Then there's the Bed Studio Collection, which consists of 52 more designs in a variety of sizes. These beds are made to order so can be customised, and among the styles is the Art Deco-inspired Lynemore with a fan-shaped header and footer.

Finally, for those who prefer timber to metal, there are a selection of wood frames in period French, English and Italianate styles.

Contact The Plaza, 535 King's Road, London SW10 0SZ [020 7351 1955, obc-uk.net]



THE FRENCH FURNITURE COMPANY

Our love affair with French furnishings has flourished over the years, particularly in the bedroom, where this romantic look works especially well. A great thing about the Gallic look is that it can vary from Baroque opulence to rustic country designs: both are available at The French Furniture Company, as well as painted armoires, ornate mirrors and Louis bedroom chairs. The company's most popular pieces are its upholstered beds – this solid-mahogany design (shown left) has a slightly distressed cream-painted finish, achieved using a seven-step ageing process, and costs £615 for a bed measuring H128 x L214 x W169cm.

Contact The Watford showroom is open by appointment only [0845 054 7528, thefrenchfurniturecompany.co.uk]



SILKWOOD SILK

There's more to silk than its seductive look and feel – the material is organic and hypoallergenic, while its ability to cool the body in summer and keep you cosy in winter makes it ideal for our changeable climate. Silkwood's 100% silk bedlinen (shown left) starts from £27.50 for a plain Habotai pillowcase.

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SIMON HORN

Simon Horn is renowned for historically inspired French beds. His signature design is the Chatsworth (shown right), from £3,280 for a double, but you'll find a host of alternative styles from Rococo to Regency, and a line in metamorphic nursery furniture, including a cot that becomes a junior bed and then a sofa.

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