



**Clockwise from above** 'Woodpigeon' wallpaper by Edward Bawden is framed above a collection of ceramics by Daniel Reynolds and cat sculpture by Paul Arney from Four Impressions, Summertown, Oxford (01865-516566); a wardrobe by Matthew Lewin dominates the bedroom, a pair of Jason chairs by Frank Guille stand inside and out, and the painting on the landing is by Elizabeth Merriman; cushions made from Dandelion Two (£30 per metre) on the wing sofa; a linocut in progress in Angie's studio in the garden; the dining area, with Anthony George table and Ercol chairs, is hung with Angie's coronation mug print and a painting by Margaret McLennan



## Neither of them had thought about moving again but the cottage just kept niggling away at Simon

choosing base cloths is very much like choosing paper – it has a great effect on the overall finish.'

Last November, while looking for storage premises and office space, Simon saw a small double-fronted shop for sale in the local market town, Aylsham, and realised he had stumbled across an opportunity not to be missed. 'We had always secretly dreamt of opening a shop and suddenly there it was,' he says, his enthusiasm palpable. After a remarkably quick refurbishment, St Jude's the shop officially opened this week with an exhibition of paintings by Elizabeth Merriman. It sells Ercol furniture upholstered in St Jude's fabric, 1950s-inspired contemporary furniture by Simon's brother, Matthew, a mix of contemporary

ceramics by Tanya Gomez and Daniel Reynolds and vintage Hornsey and Rye pottery, books on Mid-century Modern design, art and photography, and of course roll upon roll of fabric. 'We will basically be selling everything we like, and we want people to be able to see things in context, like walking into a house,' Simon explains.

Situated on the main street in a former bicycle shop, the store is slightly easier to find than the cottage, but it may be some time before the Lewins' aesthetic becomes normal for Norfolk. *St Jude's, 35 Red Lion Street, Aylsham (01263-735777; st-judes.co.uk). Prints by Angie Lewin: Bircham Gallery, 14 Market Place, Holt (01263-713312; birchamgallery.co.uk)*

### Sources for the Angie Lewin look

**20th-century textiles, posters, furniture, and prints** Rennie's Seaside Modern, Folkestone, Kent ([rennart.co.uk](http://rennart.co.uk))

**Bedroom chairs, other Mid-century furniture and lighting** Home Spun Vintage (020-8541 3762; [homespunvintagedesign.co.uk](http://homespunvintagedesign.co.uk))

**Cast-iron Morso wood burner** Heatcraft (01263-733322; [stonecraft-aylsham.co.uk](http://stonecraft-aylsham.co.uk))

**Bent plywood stools** Corin Mellor (01433-650220; [davidmellordesign.com](http://davidmellordesign.com))