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first things first

TIME TO TUCK INTO A FOUR-POSTER BED

In the days before central heating, the comforting curtains of a four-poster bed kept sleepers warm overnight. Today, they're back in vogue as dramatic statement pieces that frame and define the sleeping space, blending with the sparest of decor themes. Today's sleeping beauties feature clean geometric lines, as in this pared-down Summer Four-Poster from UK-based Get Laid Beds, available in pine or a choice of hardwood (\$1,200 to \$2,700 for the basic pine frame, getlaidbeds.co.uk). You might even be inspired to hack together your own four-posters with a wooden bed frame, extra-long screws and some four-by-fours. When it comes to curtains, ditch traditional velvet valances for a single sheer fabric swathe—or nothing at all.



KNIT WIT

Irish-born textile artist Claire-Anne O'Brien creates practical and whimsical designs, including these enticingly puffy hand-knitted stools for Gan rugs, inspired by traditional knit garments. The legs are ash wood, and they're topped with hand-woven pure wool in three styles: the Rings stool in grey, the Knot Knit stool in blue, and the rectangular Plaits stool in orange. Meant for indoor use only. About \$835. Gan-rugs.com