

# The great indoors

Our homes are in the spotlight as never before — here are some of the things we've been loving and loathing



## LOVE... DESIGNER COMFORTS

This week we are loving the idea of bringing home comforts to hard-pressed health workers too busy to sleep in their own beds.

"With NHS staff on the front line working around the clock, and many unable to head home between shifts, we wanted to help where we can," says Jo Jackson, chief creative officer at Made.com.

Last month the furniture design brand set about improving break areas in hospitals, by sending sofabeds (such as Haru, left) as well as dining tables for team breakfasts, mugs,



## LOATHE... OTHER PEOPLE'S RUBBISH

Bins can be a topic of furious conversation in the best of times. Now, in the worst of times, household waste is a burning issue. It's been reported that fire services in Cheshire have warned of an "alarming" spike in callouts to garden fires as a result of garden refuse collections grinding to a halt during the lockdown — even though organic waste can often be dumped on a compost heap.

With so many of us spring-cleaning, dealing with household rubbish is also a top priority. Bagging room in other people's bins, or in skips, is reportedly the latest



## LIVE... THE GOOD LIFE

If you want to introduce your kids to the competitive joys of self-sufficiency — and you aren't lucky enough to have a garden — try your hand at The Good Life board game, pictured left. If Tom and Barbara had applied their suburban creativity to Monopoly, this would be the result. Use your wheelbarrow to move around the board and collect fruit, vegetables, pigs and chickens. The winner is the first to fill their garden and allotment. Seems simple. It is. But the Green Fingers cards turn up unexpected twists and turns... so you'll have to protect your



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