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Spring Spruce-Up

Welcoming spring, for some, is synonymous with the task of cleaning and reorganizing the home. But there are alternatives to the dustpan when tidying or reviving a space. Look no further than Farrow & Ball, based in Dorset, England; the company of craftspeople creates textures and traditional designs in the form of handmade wallpapers. All papers are made using age-old methods and with the company's own paint colours, developed in house. This past January, Farrow & Ball unveiled four new wallpaper styles (Jasmine and Samphire are plant-inspired prints, Parquet is a tribal herringbone design, and Chromatic Stripe is a bold, trough-printed stripe) that reimagine classic designs with a refreshing, contemporary feel. **Tia Low**

Beauty Box

A 16-foot digital chandelier of multiple hanging screens is just one of the show-stopping pieces inside the Burberry Beauty Box. The concept store, which launched last year in London's Covent Garden, integrates Burberry's fashion and beauty products with digital technology. Overhead, the screens showcase monthly beauty looks and products, while at the Box's Digital Runway Nail Bar, customers can virtually pair their skin tone with a selected shade of Burberry nail polish without having to actually put it on—it's all onscreen. Founded in 1856, Burberry has a long history as one of London's top fashion houses and, more recently, has made a name for itself by consistently keeping pace with the technology of the times. **Tia Low**



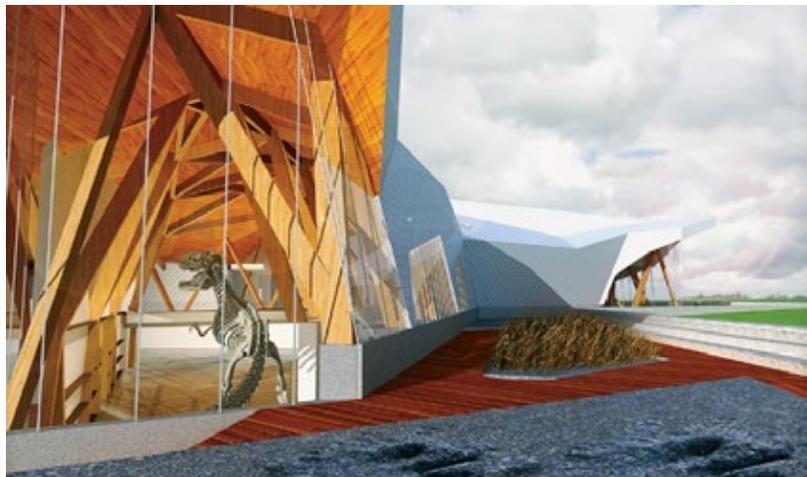
Sneaker Style

Severe rainfall hits some of the most fashionable cities in the world, resulting in the ruin of many well-crafted shoes. That's less of a concern today since Norwegian lifestyle brand Swims pioneered in 2005 its version of the modern galosh, a water-resistant shoe that fuses function with style. These qualities manifest again this spring with its release of the new Luca sneaker, a design inspired by the German Army Trainer. The soft, breathable upper mesh, along with an antibacterial, shock-absorbing insole, makes it ideal for wearing without socks, and it's also machine washable. In this lightweight shoe, going from a stroll through the park to a meeting in the city is a smooth transition—no change of footwear required. **Tia Low**



Ancient Alberta

In the not-too-distant future, a new museum in Northern Alberta has big plans to fully immerse its visitors in the very distant past. The long-awaited Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum finally broke ground last year and is slated to open this December. The 41,000-square-foot timber-truss structure—designed by Teeple Architects with exhibits designed by Reich + Petch—will be a hub of science, complete with galleries, an oil and gas wing, a theatre, two classrooms, and a paleontology lab. The space will also feature the bones of more than 20 different animals, including the pachyrhinosaurus, one of the rarest horned dinosaurs. Named after Canada's most famous paleontologist, the museum promises to put the town of Wembley on the dinosaur lover's map. **Katie Nanton**





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