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Followers of interiors fashions will no doubt be familiar with the upcycled rock-chic aesthetic of Joanna Berryman's design consultancy Matrushka. Berryman's uber-cool look has transformed spaces such as the Rum Shack Lounge in London and now she has set up an e-shop that makes her style available to all.

"I used to have a shop off Marylebone High Street and found that I rather missed it," Berryman explains. "So I decided to create an online treasure trove of all the things I have collected at house-clearance sales and markets."

The shop, which is clearly signposted on the main Matrushka site, offers a selection of the brand's own designs, including Slopen Shelving (second picture, from £600), a rather neat take on the newsagent's display stand, and some fabulously zesty linen-and-leather scatter cushions (£130 each), as well as an eclectic assembly of antique and vintage furniture, accessories and rugs.

Reworked vintage items are easy to find on the net these days, but Berryman has a brilliant eye and the one-off pieces she offers really are rather special. Discoveries on a recent visit included a very glamorous French giltwood sofa (first picture, £3,250) and a deeply desirable Brno office chair (third picture, £595) by Mies van der Rohe, complete with authentically worn leather. But most exciting of all was the collection of late-1950s and early-1960s neo-baroque rugs (including Kubrik, £3,720) by Turkish singer, actor and sometime pattern designer Zeki Müren. Rare and beautiful, these are jewels indeed.

Berryman describes her e-shop as "a high-end market stall", and stock therefore cannot be guaranteed. What is certain, however, is that, unlike a physical stall, Matrushka will be open at all hours and is guaranteed to be dust-free.

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