The Royal Wave

Whether you are the number one Winsdor fan or just fancy a Great British party, there's a wealth of ways to decorate for the Diamond Jubilee. Interiors Editor Alexandra Richards shares her ideas

There's something in the air. Jubilee fever is building and it's time to make the most of it. My view is that whatever your political inclination, the Diamond Jubilee is a fantastic time to get together and celebrate the best bits about being in Britain. After all, the wonderful Windsors have been responsible for bumper bank holidays, two years running! As a thank you for this, it seems only fitting to celebrate accordingly, embrace your inner Royalist and take advantage of some of the quirky, cute and even classy products out there.

The array of beautiful bunting and charming china available can be overwhelming, but celebrating in style does not have to mean splashing out. Making your own bunting is not only simple but it's satisfying when you see the fruits of your labour adorning home and garden. If you aren't the best seamstress, simply invest in a pair of pinking shears, et voila! No need to hem.

Hosting a tea party? For the fashionable vintage look, scour the shelves of local charity shops — you will be amazed by the array of gorgeous crockery on offer. Keep hold of these pieces for future birthdays and parties, or even just to jazz up your afternoon tea.

For those who want to go one step further, why not consider a more permanent reminder of this great event? Quirky tea towels, cushions and other small touches are a great way to recognise and remember the Jubilee without changing the look of your home.

For a statement, there are some fantastic pieces of furniture available, emblazoned with the Union Jack and other national emblems. The great thing about our national flag is its enduring appeal; it never seems to go out of fashion, so come the autumn when all cupcakes have been eaten and all Olympic medals awarded, your new piece of furniture will still be in style.

Feeling creative? Why not up-cycle a tired-looking piece of furniture and give it a new lease of life with a Royal theme? You don't have to go down the red, white and blue route – a neutral paint patterned with a crown or corgi stencil is an original and stylish way to pay a nod to the Diamond Jubilee.

Whatever you're planning, get together with friends and family, start baking up a storm and enjoy this Great British celebration to the full! □

Jolly Jubilee bunting, £7.99, Diamond Jubilee crowns, £5.99 (set of four), Pop-out cake toppers, £3.99 (per assorted set), Diamond Jubilee trivia carriage, £10.99, Diamond Jubilee cake stand, £9.99, Union Jack card flags, £4.99 (pack of 8) and Diamond Jubilee card thrones, £6.99 (set of four)
The Contemporary Home, 02392 469400, tch.net

Get the Look

From proudly patriotic to subtly celebratory, here's a range of ideas on how to bring Diamond Jubilee fever into your home

Street Party Tea Pot, £20 Debenhams
30% donation to Fashion Targets Breast Cancer, supporting Breakthrough Breast Cancer
08445 616161, debenhams.com

Unique Tea 'Bag'
Unique Boutique, Newquay
01637 882044,
theuniqueboutiquecompany.com

Jubilee King egg cosy, £14.50 and
Jubilee tea cosy, £48
Poppy Treffry, Penzance
01736 369247, poppytreffry.co.uk

Diamond Jubilee mug, £8.50
Sophie Allport
0845 0177 866, sophieallport.com
Visit website for local stockists

Queen's Diamond Jubilee tea towel, £11.95
Illustrated Living, Truro
01872 273631,
illustratedliving.co.uk

Hudson Stripe organic cotton bed set
from £17 for a pillowcase
The Fine Cotton Company
0845 602 9050, thefinecottoncompany.com

'London Calling' from the Checks and Dogs and Rock 'n' Roll collection
Linwood Fabrics and Wallpapers
01425 461176, linwoodfabric.com
Visit website for local stockists

Fabric detail

Bespoke bedding, POA
Tanya - Curtains by Design, Rock
01208 863183, tanyaleech.co.uk

The Diamond Jubilee Collection
Jan Constantine
01270 821194, janconstantine.com

Bespoke Union Jack cushion, POA
Tanya - Curtains by Design, Rock
01208 863183, tanyaleech.co.uk

Red, White and Blue bunting
from £15 for 2m
Just Bunting, Delabole
07840 777559, justbunting.co.uk

Hand-Knitted Dining Chair Duo, £1,500
Fabric 100% Merino wool
Unique Boutique, Newquay
01637 882044, theuniqueboutiquecompany.com