

# Screen test

VICTORIA O'BRIEN finds some eye-catching folding screens that don't need to hide away in the corner

If space is at a premium and you want your room to look larger, a folding screen could do the trick. Portable and decorative, screens create the illusion of extra space and can also be used as room dividers or to hide unkempt corners, such as home offices and kids' play areas.

As well as traditional Japanese paper and Chinese gilded screens, mirrored surfaces, clear acrylic and photographic image screens are available. Kelly Hoppen's latest furniture collection includes an articulated mirror screen, priced £4,110 (very glamorous and very chic, it has individual rotating mirror-glass panels). Andrew Tye produces multi-panelled folding screens in translucent acrylic, wood veneer, coloured laminate or silver and gold finishes, priced from £895.

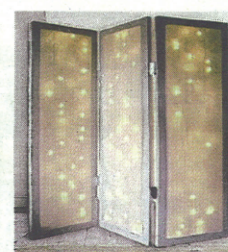
Clear acrylic, mirrored or shiny metal screens like these work especially well in bay windows. Also ideal to fill or hide awkward spaces is Tom

Dixon's extendable screen module (ribs of Provista, a semi-transparent acrylic material, joined in a sinuous formation). His screen is priced from £264 per linear metre (you need at least two metres to create a freestanding module) and is available through Twentytwentyone.

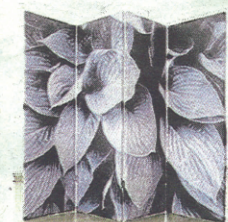
Dixon's design has its heritage in other sinuous, as opposed to flat-panel, screen classics by both Alvar Aalto and Charles and Ray Eames. Skandium sells Aalto's 1930s pine screen, from £910.

Vitra's Eames screen dates from 1946 and is made of narrow sections of bent plywood, veneered in natural ash and joined together with textile tape to create a gentle, wavy line. It is priced from £1,885 for the six-segment screen and £2,375 for the eight-segment version.

Screens that feature photographic images are a great way of introducing large-scale art into rooms with limited wall space. At



Glo-Screen, £365, Hybrid7



Park chairs, left, and Hosta, both £499 from Screen Productions

## SHOPPING AROUND

- Altfield, 020 7351 5893, www.altfield.com
- Andrew Tye, 020 7536 9291, www.tye3d.com
- Cover Up Designs, 01635 297 981, www.coverupdesigns.co.uk
- The Dormy House, 01264 365 808, www.thedormyhouse.com
- Homes in Heaven, 020 7736 2227, www.homesinheaven.net
- Hybrid7, 0845 430 8761, www.hybrid7.co.uk
- Kelly Hoppen, 020 7351 1910, www.kellyhoppen.com

- Screen Productions, 020 8675 9735, www.screenproductions.co.uk
- Scumble Goose, 01453 731 305, www.scumblegoose.com
- Showroom Dummies, www.showroomdummies.com
- Skandium, 020 7935 2077, www.skandium.com
- Twentytwentyone, 020 7288 1996, www.twentytwentyone.com
- Vitra, 020 7608 6200, www.vitra.com

Hybrid7, digital images are printed on stretched canvas-type screens. Prices start at £395 for a three-panel screen and £495 for four panels (panels are about 50cm wide).

Screen Productions sells photographic screens with digital prints and its canvas fabric feels like padded upholstery. It also reproduces

customers' images in colour. Prices range from £499 for a 200cm wide four-panel screen or £160 per square metre for bespoke sizes.

Hybrid7 sells screens illuminated from within, creating a three-dimensional object with internal twinkly lights that fade in and out. Made from plain canvas, Glo-Screens cost £365.

Designer Abigail Lane of Showroom Dummies produces large-scale Perspex "box" screens, with digital images laminated onto the inside surface, priced from about £7,000.

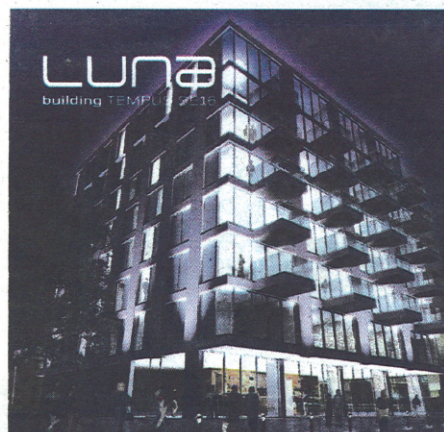
Altfield sells traditional folding screens based on 18th- and 19th-century Japanese and Chinese export designs, with lacquered and gilded imagery

of flora and fauna, birds and landscapes, priced from about £720 for six half-height panels and from £760 for four full-height panels.

Homes in Heaven, meanwhile, has a discreet, Gustavian-style, white-painted frame three-panel screen, with gathered fabric insert, priced from £389, plus fabric. Scumble Goose sells a French-style folding screen in MDF, ready to paint from £90, and from £220 painted.

The Dormy House has flat-panel MDF screens, from £22.50 per painted panel or £58 per upholstered panel, plus fabric.

Cover Up Designs' flat-panel MDF upholstered screens cost £111 per panel and its screens with gathered fabric stretched inside a wooden frame surround cost £89 per panel.



## Inspired design, coming soon

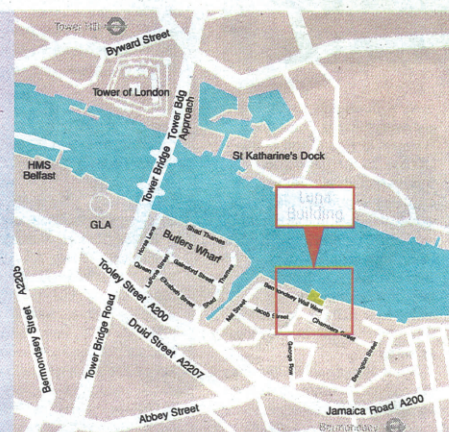
Luna Building, Tempus, Bermondsey, SE16

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