

## RENTALS REINVENTED

Looking for a British hideaway that's beautiful yet affordable? Try one of these new properties

### TOWN

Hackney-based interior designer Marta Nowicka has curated a collection of architecturally engaging houses available to rent and gathered them on a new website named after the Polish word for house, 'dom'. Our favourite is 'St John's' (right) in the Sussex riverside town of Rye, which Nowicka designed herself. The converted 1950s St John ambulance station sleeps ten: light floods in, but it's the beams and woodburning stove that appeal in autumn (from £500 per night; domstayandlive.com).

### COUNTRY

The calibre of estate agent The Modern House's properties is famous – it cherry-picks only the *crème de la crème* of contemporary homes to sell – but did you know that it also organises short-term holiday rentals? As it says, 'when we go on holiday, we don't like to leave good design behind'. Its best British listings include 'Mill House' (right) in West Sussex, 'The Cattle Sheds' in Norfolk by architect Carl Turner and 'The Cob' and 'The Red Barn' in Devon (properties from £800 per week; themodernhouse.com).



## MAKE-AND-DO MUSEUM

Messums Wiltshire, situated in the idyllic setting of Place Farm in Salisbury, is a new museum and multi-purpose facility in a medieval tithe barn devoted to modern-day art, design, craft and making. It's a rural – but perhaps more cutting-edge – sibling to Messums London, a selling gallery. In its first year alone, the beautiful, vast stone and timber space – the biggest thatched building in the UK – has hosted talks by boat builders and topiary designers, a racing car show, drawing masterclasses, a 90-bulb lighting installation and a summer woodworking school with British brand Linley. Coming up this autumn are printmaking and wood-engraving workshops, as well as a Stonehenge-inspired installation made of chalk, stone and beech trees by American artist Judy Pfaff (until 26 November). Arrive with an appetite – there are homemade pastries and a 'barn blend' coffee (messumswiltshire.com).