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REBECCA O'KEEFE, FOUNDER OF GIPSY HILL HARDWARE

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Knock Knock door knocker in unlacquered brass £139



Amphibia door knocker in polished nickel £199

After struggling to find door furniture she loved while renovating her own home, former fashion designer Rebecca O'Keefe sketched a whimsical frog knocker that was to spark the idea for Gipsy Hill Hardware. Five years on, Rebecca works with UK foundries to handcraft unique hardware from solid recycled brass, reimagining everyday function to adorn homes with elegant designs infused with a touch of wit...

Who's your design hero? Fashion designer Phoebe Philo's work was so transformative, and her ability to anticipate and create the most desirable, timeless pieces is inspiring in any industry. At the other end of the spectrum, I always find influence in William Morris's Victorian charm – they represent my maximalist and minimalist side fighting!

What's the last account you followed on Instagram?

@NicoloCastelliniBaldissera – I lost a couple of hours in the incredible interiors. The colours and textures are so dreamy.

Where's your favourite place for inspiration? I love

to trawl through vintage shops and Ebay for antique hardware. Liberty always gives me a creative boost and for objet d'art, you can't beat the V&A.

What's next on your interiors shopping list? Some new vases. I use a lot of florals

in our visuals so the house is always full of flowers! I've seen beautiful coloured blown-glass ones at The Antik Store, and I'd love a Grain & Knot piece, too.

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FEATURE EMILY HAWKES

'It's important my designs are functional yet charming, like a trinket to be treasured'



Padlock Heart door knocker in unlacquered brass £159; Apex house numbers in polished nickel £39 each



'I love working with age-old casting techniques, pushing the boundaries to offer something new'



Scallop Drop door knocker in unlacquered brass £159