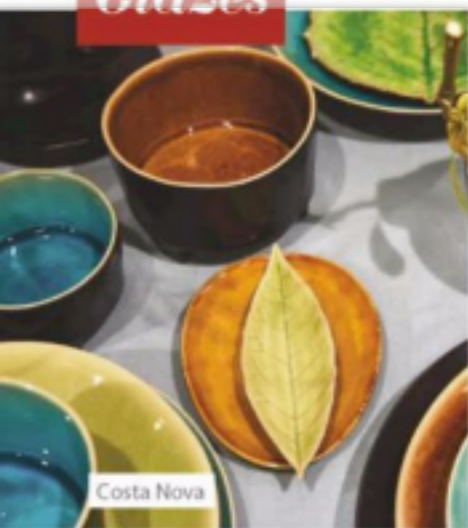


## SHOW REVIEW AMBIENTE



Rosenthal

### Glazes



Costa Nova



Alessi

### Architectural



Sambonet

and launching Botanic Blooms, a contemporary reinvention of Botanic Garden, featuring large-scale floral blooms – sunflower, poppy, sweet pea.

Under its English Table brand, Creative Tops revealed Spring Fruits, a fine bone china tableware collection illustrated with a pattern bursting with the sweet fruits and blossoming flora of nature. And Churchill presented its new UK-made dinnerware collection Blooms, a subtle blue floral pattern that is a collaboration with the RHS.

It wasn't just British companies getting in on the English garden act. Japanese brand Noritake unveiled new casual pattern, English Herbs, featuring the motifs of eight different medicinal/wellbeing herbs, including rosemary, watercress and sage.

### Interesting glazes

Glazes shone at the show, especially reactive ones. "Untreated surfaces are combined with glazed, relief-like textures," stated the Ambiente 2017 Trend Report. The international tableware classic, Teema from Iittala, has an update for 2017, a new dotted blue shade featuring duo-coloured glazing delivering a new feel.

Rosenthal has experimented with reactive glazes in new collection Junto, a special reactive glaze on stoneware making for vibrant, earthy pieces. The charm of a reactive glaze lies in "the unique appearance of each item," says Rosenthal. See page 32.

Denby



The masters of distinctive glaze effects, Denby launched Craft, four tonal glazes inspired by the natural tones and textures of wood, with each piece glazed in one tone with speckled highlights to keep the aesthetics simple, while highlighting the texture and curves of the shapes.

ASA Selection's A la Maison stoneware collection – think round and organic shapes featuring the Craquele technique, the conscious breaking of the glaze to create slight cracks that make every piece unique and deliver vivid appeal – has a new décor Magma, delivering bright red inside with a white glaze exterior.

Loveramics previewed its AW collection Sancai, a two-tone tableware range featuring green and brown pottery-like glazes, while Costa Nova's new tableware collection, Riviera, features gorgeous glazes inspired by the colours of the Riviera landscape.

"Each handcrafted piece is made in a single firing system heated up to 2160° F which creates a unique ceramic body with a special bonding between the clay and the glazed surface," says the brand.

### Architectural design

Architecture served as inspiration for designs and patterns.

Sambonet took inspiration from basic architectural element Kyma, originating from ancient Greece, for new decorative range, Kyma. Objects, including trays, a plate and candleabra, feature a geometric perimeter of four

shapes – hexagon, octagon, square and rectangle – and are finished in copper and gold.

Alessi's new Giro Cutlery Set features an architectural twist in its design that has been a key feature in a number of UNStudio projects of varying scales, from buildings to pavilions. Scaled down, the architectural curve is created with the human hand in mind, delivering a tactile silhouette that's perfectly balanced. And Vista Alegre's new Midtown crystal vase is inspired by the architectural trajectory of the Manhattan area, marked by the great concentration of imposing glaze skyscrapers.

### Gold streaks

Golden highlights in the form of streaks and splashes were prolific. At Porcel, new mix and match collections Violet, Olivia and Louise delivered textured tonal pieces featuring dashes of gold applied using a handmade process specially developed by Porcel.

Golden streaks were also found on Lenox's new collection Season's Radiance, which, inspired by the view of the ocean's horizon at sea, features watercolour on canvas designs in four colours with microwave-gold streaky accents on bone china.

And at Spal, on-trend metallics featured heavily on new collections, including the intricate and eye-catching collection, Dive, which features a handpainted gold effect mixed with deep cobalt blue that has a splash effect.

### Gold



Lenox

Spal



Porcel