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Five things to see at Clerkenwell Design Week

Take a rare glimpse inside the area's coolest buildings and get inspired by interior designers at this year's festival and its fun fringe events

1 Discover new design talent in an old subterranean prison

CDW's annual **Platform** exhibition at the House of Detention – an underground former prison that's rarely open to the public – showcases up-and-coming talent in interior design across three days. Find home inspo in its atmospheric cells, meet a few of the designers and maybe even buy some unique homeware and one-off furniture items. Pieces on show include geometric sideboards by Parisian company Decimal Design; sleek Bauwouhaus dog beds made in Bermondsey's Biscuit Factory; modular sculptural 'rails' that can be stacked to make chairs and tables by London-based French designer Gwendoline Porte; and Olenka's acid-trippy wallpaper, where Russian folk art meets a modern British colour palette.

→ House of Detention, 12 Sans Walk, EC1R 0AS. ⊕ Barbican. Tue May 21–Thu May 23.

2 Explore a Tudor mansion

As well as giving us a new love for Olivia Colman and a fascination with royal power-plays, 'The Favourite' got us curious about period design (just imagine flouncing around a big old palace). **The Charterhouse**, which had been a monastery, private mansion and almshouse in its time, hasn't changed much since its Tudor heyday. The well-preserved decor is all about dark wood panelling, candles, massive stone fireplaces, red leather chairs and paintings of ladies in bonnets and men rocking Jacobean ruffs. It's offering a series of special free lunchtime tours for CDW – an opportunity to walk under the dramatic vaulted ceilings and check out the original medieval wall paintings up close. If you love a bit of ruff, this is a great chance to discover Tudor decor at its finest.

→ Charterhouse Square, EC1M 6AN. ⊕ Barbican. Tue May 21–Thu May 23. Book via tours@thecharterhouse.org or call 3818 8873.

