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Gilding the lily

Named for her beloved Aunty Eithne, Gillian Rijke's Lily Pad Home Accessories is a trove of useful items and other home-related trinkets to buy online. "She had a pond in her garden," says Gillian, "that always had lily pads in it, so it seemed like the perfect name." One of her favourite ranges is the battery operated lamps, such as this (pictured, €30), which are perfect for cheering up socket-free dark corners. No more jenga-like plug adaptors plugged into extension leads plugged into more adaptors? Count me in. lilypadhomeaccessories.ie

Gemma Tipton



Cast a long shadow

Shadows + Reflections is a collection of some 60 photographs taken by the artist Annie Dibble captured over a period of 10 years in the eight hectares of land on the southern banks of the River Liffey that comprise the Irish National War Memorial Gardens. The images show the gardens in all its various moods and seasons and were a starting point for contributions by 12 women in the form of essays and poetry; each section is a contemplation of what the Gardens

mean to them. The book, compiled and produced by Dibble and architect Angela Rolfe contains a foreword by President Michael D Higgins and includes eight pages of working drawings by the architect of the Gardens, Sir Edwin Lutyens along with a timeline of events related to the place since its inception in 1918. Shadows+Reflections is published by Gandon Editions, Kinsale and costs €25.

Deirdre McQuillan



Groovy, baby

Get down with the tinies at Anna Newell's babyGROOVE. Inspired by the happenings of the 1970s, but aimed at those who haven't even got a year under their terrycloth belts, expect singing, video and joy abounding. It's all about the experience of connecting and caring, and Newell's neuroscientific researches make this a

(ahem) no-brainer for Trinity College's Creative Brain Week, where each session lasts for about 20 minutes, plus play-time after. March 14th to 16th, admission free at Trinity: the show then tours, with admission charges, dependant on venue. Find out more, and how to book online. annanewell.ie

Gemma Tipton



Pre-loved fashion

Stumbling upon unworn baby clothes in your child's nursery can weigh heavily on the conscience, especially when it feels like your little one can go through a clothes cycle in the blink of an eye. To avoid the guilt of finding unworn items in your child's wardrobe, or clothes that have only been used a handful of times, check out Lovely Things, an online store that sells adorable second-hand clothing for kids up to 12, including newborns. Shop pre-loved designer dresses for as little as €15, t-shirts, trousers and more while doing your bit for the environment. lovelythings.ie

Filomena Kaguako

Get your gin on

If you're someone who only drinks gin-based cocktails in the summer, then you could be missing out.

A true gin connoisseur would tell you that a Vera Lynn cocktail can be consumed in even the coldest of winters because it all comes down to finding the right spirit pairing. Premium spirit brand Muckross Wild Irish Gin has a mixture of floral and citrus tasting

notes for those who want to experiment with their own classic gin recipes. It's well deserved after a long month of dry January. Muckross Wild Irish Gin (70cl) is priced at €49.95 and available online.

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