

The Havana Collection

There is a new appreciation for a gentler, more sensuous, way of life. Although the desire to live in a white cube is fading, minimalism continues to influence our choices. "And that's where our 'polmets' come in," says Orazio Gualtieri of Byron & Byron, "because we wanted to produce a decorative curtain pole whose simple shape would fit in with today's interiors. We call them polmets because they hang on brackets, like curtain poles, but are flat and fitted with track, like pelmets. By taking curtain rings out of the equation we've created a look that is much more streamlined and contemporary in feel."

Byron & Byron's **Havana Collection** of polmets comes in a range of exotic wood finishes (coromandel ebony, oak, rosewood and zebrano in gloss, and rosewood, walnut, wenge and zebrano in matt) and is offered in two widths, 35mm and 50mm. To accompany this, the brackets and 'end caps' (which are too discreet and modern in look to be called finials) come in polished brass, antiqued brass, chrome, or matt black.

The idea is that the polmet's simplicity of shape lets the wood finish do all the talking – and also makes it an extremely versatile accessory, which can be used to achieve a variety of looks.

The **Havana Collection** is available from September 2005. The recommended retail price for a polmet with two brackets and two end caps starts from £ 218. Please telephone Byron & Byron on 020 8344 7979 for stockist details.

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