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1 SOURCE I COUNTRY ANTIQUES

For beautiful country furniture, similar in aesthetic and authenticity to pieces in Axel and May Vervoordt's chalet, head to Robert Young Antiques (020-7228 7847; www.robertyoungantiques.com). 'We like sculptural pieces with great surface and texture,' says Robert. Pictured is an unusual and early northern-European I-form tavern table on a horseshoe-trestle base, made of richly patinated oak, c. 1720, priced at £12,500.

O SOURCE LINEN

The Vervoordts favoured Belgian linen for use in their chalet. Libeco Home Stores (00-32-51 48 48 51; www.libecohomestores.com) is an online shop that specialises in Belgian linen. It has more than 80 plain, pure-linen fabrics to choose from, as well as a selection of table linen, cushions, curtains and other accessories.

3 CLOSE MATCH PAINT If you like the look of the blue walls in the children's bedroom, try, from top, 'Giorgio's Wisteria' or 'Tommaso's Periwinkle', both by Francesca's Paints (020-7228 7694; www.francescaspaint. com). A 2.5-litre tin of 'Eco Emulsion' costs £36.50.

SOMETHING SIMILAR 4 SOMETHINEN

The gingham bedlinen in the grandchildren's bedroom is a nod to traditional chalet design. The White Company (0845-678 8150; www. thewhitecompany.com) has a good version in its range for children, albeit in a slightly brighter red. Prices start at £10 for a cot-bed pillowcase





