

SS26 collection: English garden-inspired lampshades

Sharing an aptitude for color, craftsmanship and a sense of fun in design, Pooky lighting and British textile designer Ellen Merchant have teamed up on a third collection of handmade lampshades. A celebration of playful botanical prints, with colors inspired by the English countryside, the **four new designs launch April 28th 2026.**



The range features designs from Ellen's latest fabric and wallpaper collection, carefully transposed onto gathered linen shades. The result is timeless and elegant, while still imbuing interiors with the charm, character, and pops of brilliant color and joyful pattern typical of Pooky's offering.

About each design

Palmette: A little bit of Ancient Greece meets a lot of groovy. The Palmette takes its cues from the classical palm leaf ornament but adds a playful, undulating wiggle for a decidedly retro twist. Originally hand-carved as a linocut by Ellen to capture that lovely, lived-in texture, it's a masterclass in contrast. Whether you opt for the zingy 'Citrine' or the calm of 'Beryl', it's a striking composition that feels right at home in both cool and warm schemes.

Posy: Small, yet mighty. Aptly named after a fresh bunch of blooms, Posy is a hand-painted squiggly stripe that simply doesn't sit still. Because it's a multidirectional print, it's a total chameleon - happy to be paired with bold patterns or left to shine on its own. Available in four shades: 'Wavelet', 'Rust', 'Yolk', and the ever-regal 'Emerald'.



18" straight empire shade in Citrine Palmette linen, \$230



8" cordless empire shade in 'Beryl' Poppies linen, \$80



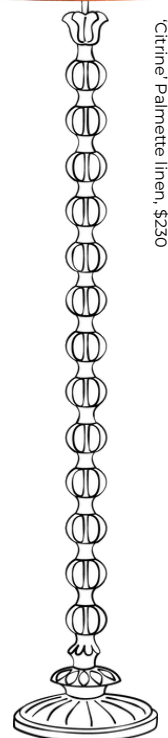
14" straight empire shade in 'Beryl' Palmette linen, \$170



14" straight empire shade in 'Dirty Rose Spriggle' linen, \$170



14" straight empire shade in 'Emerald' Posy linen, \$170



Poppies: For those who love heritage with a modern heartbeat. These interlacing, symmetrical stems offer a contemporary nod to the Arts & Crafts movement. Keeping all the soul of Ellen’s original linocut, Pooky has reproduced every block-printed imperfection. They’re particularly smitten with the new ‘Papavero’ colorway, a rusty red and burnt orange combo on a soft, buttery ivory base.

Spriglee: The name really says it all, doesn't it? Inspired by the wild climbing jasmine in Ellen's garden, Spriglee is a tumble of pure joy. Originally a hand-carved linocut tile, this design has been expertly translated onto fabric to preserve every bit of that artisan texture and character. Pick your favorite from ‘Azura’, ‘Dirty Rose’, or the golden-hued ‘Jaggery’.

Designer Ellen Merchant comments: *“It has been a joy to partner with Pooky for our third collaboration. This season, rather than designing from scratch, we worked closely to curate a selection from my newest fabric and wallpaper patterns, translating them into lighting that is vibrant in both motif and mood. We’ve sought to reimagine the traditional spring floral by pairing playful botanical silhouettes with an English countryside palette - balancing striking cornflower blue and canola yellow with sophisticated, earthy tones to ground the collection.”*

Pooky Chief Creative Officer, Jo Plant adds: *“Ellen first came to our attention when she entered our 2022 ‘Shades of Brilliance’ competition for design students. Her combination of traditional hand block technique inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement with a vibrant contemporary style blew the judges away – and the winning Poppies design has become a firm favorite among Pooky customers.”*

We are thrilled to be working with her again; given the success of our previous work together, we anticipate it will be another smash hit. This latest range will be available across a selection of our signature shade silhouettes from 5.5" - 20" launching just in time for that spring-summer transition.”

14" straight empire shade in 'Yolk' Posy linen, \$170



8" cordless empire shade in 'Papavero' Poppies linen, \$80



14" straight empire shade in 'Azura' Spriglee linen, \$170

