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THE DREAM TEAM

If you love an IKEA hack, you'll be all over the new collaboration between interior stylists Kathryn Hawkes of House of Hawkes (left) and Linda Dekkers of Live Loud Girl (right). The talented duo has teamed up to launch Fronteriors, offering bespoke fronts and accessories especially for upgrading IKEA pieces, with a focus on providing unique finishes for clients in the Middle East.

How did the idea come about?

Kathryn: Linda and I met at an industry event a few years ago and have maintained a great working relationship

and valuable friendship ever since. We often talked about upgrading and/or hacking IKEA furniture for clients, which required some level of custom carpentry as, frustratingly, there were no such ready-made products on the market. We decided, pretty much on the spur of the moment, to fill that gap ourselves. And just like that, Fronteriors was born.

What can we expect to find?

Linda: We've designed a range of custom doors and tops to fit a selection of IKEA furniture frames. The cane door we created for the Billy bookcase (pictured)

has had a fantastic response. The other surfaces we've selected for our fronts, sides and tops are also sure to wow, such as the speckled stone top and simple gold handle that provide a chic upgrade to the popular Besta frame.

What has been the response?

Kathryn: We were inundated with requests for pre-orders, which resulted in a growing wait list. Needless to say, the pressure is on, but we get a real buzz when delivering our products to their new homes.

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