

FINDS Editor's Picks



DELICIOUSLY DETAILED

Upstaging the precious florals and soft shades of traditional china, a new generation of formal dinnerware from Hermès boasts dramatic renderings of architectural tracery in a deep, vibrant red with grey edging. Celebrating the craftsmanship embodied in wroughtiron balconies found in Spain along the mythic Guadalquivir river, the Balcon du Guadalquivir line makes for a visual feast on any dining table.

Dinner plate 9 (skim \$124 teacup and saucer \$124 bread and butter plate 7 dam, \$81 At Hermes boutques.

A RECURRING THEME

Bev Hisey's die-cut Botanical drapery panel uses a single floral motif to dramatic effect. The panel, made from a series of identical 6" x 6" pieces, strikes a balance between graphic and organic.

Woven wool/nylon In 20 colours, including Natural (shown), \$24/sq.ft.
At Void Interior Furnishings and Hollace Cluny





There's no need to tread lightly when using the hand-knotted wool Streamers rug. Its wide, undulating ribbons of coral and green add a subtle burst of colour and a playful sense of movement to even the most subdued decor. 8 × 10 \$2,950 At Westers Art

SEATING PLAN

The Morrow settee by Jonathan Adler Furniture makes a juicy statement in any swanky setting. The settee's luscious orange tone offsets its elegant profile — with tailored wings, a slightly crescent-shaped top and subtle piping — making it a hip standout in a traditional space.

Mandann strated bouclé upholstery, hand carved wood base in Espresso finish: 32°h x 53° w x 32°d \$2,100 At Koolhaus. Frameswest and Direct Interiors.



HAND PICKED

The simple forms and demure colour of KleinReid's StillLife with Flowers vases are elevated by intricate appliqués of handmade porcelain flowers. No two vases are alike.

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LEFT: A simple blackand-white palette is given sumptuous drama with an ebony die-cut tablecloth and jet black crystal goblets. Reinforce the theme with graphic patterned tableware Flokati rug, Helleric Rug Imports Canada, buffet kea black vase Caratrade black trav park Ela Zeite tea service Capan prosts gobiets, Baccarat, tablecioth, Bry Hisey wall colour Parlor Gold (RM34), Ralph Lauren.

NOT-SO-BASIC BLACK AND WHITE SETS THE SCENE FOR AN ELEGANT NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER PARTY.

The sophisticated world depicted in old black-and-white movies — the formal dress, cool music, and moody atmosphere — is rich with social customs that seem long forgotten. Though we may have adopted a more casual approach over the years, we've never lost sight of the glamour and dramatic impact of the films' black and white palette.

What more opportune occasion to revive those social niceties and elegant touches that we admire so much in old movies, than an elegant New Year's Eve dinner party? Mail invitations to indicate the formality of the event. Request that guests dress in their black-and-white best to enhance the mood, and take advantage of the coordinating attire to snap photos (in black and white, of course!) when everyone has arrived.

Graphic patterned side dishes punch up traditional white china, and will provide modern contrast with the drama of a black die-cut tablecloth and inky crystal goblets. Go all out and make something extravagant — lobster bisque, rack of lamb and a decadent gateau, items

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PLAYFUL MODERN

Taking inspiration from the witty, often ironic gestures of contemporary art, the latest looks for the modern home are as candy-coloured and irreverent as the works of 1960s Pop artists like Andy Warhol. Set against a the sometimes sterile modernist rooms that have been the vogue, and remind us all to take ourselves — and our interiors



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- KOOLHAUS, VANCOUVER, CALGARY
- MARTHA STURDY ORIGINALS, VANCOUVER
- ROBERT SWEEP CALGARY
- SOHO + NADA, CALGARY
- STUDIO BRILLANTINE, TORONTO
- · OPTION D, MONTREAL







Fabrics, from top: David Hicks by Ashley Hicks Roquebrune Velvet in Lime Aqua 2433-GWF 133, Called Carlad Designers Guild for Osborne & Little Bellusco Collection Bareggio F1212 06. --- ... ter University Floral Tracery in Lime GWF-2568-3.

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