

editor's choice

WHAT'S NEW AND DIVINE IN DESIGN BY TRACY BULLA



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1. Art Forum

Artist Carol Benson-Cobb launched Benson-Cobb Studios in 2013, including original acrylics on canvas, mixed media originals and gallery-quality giclees on hand-stretched canvas. The mixed media originals offer a more affordable way to have a one-of-a-kind signed work; existing giclees can be customized by resizing, cropping and adding layers of paint or texture. Cobb also developed a line of frames, made of hand-stained, locally milled designs complete with her own finishes, to complement the abstract art collection.

2. Rock Star

Designer Lauren Renfrow introduces Times Two Design, a collection of limited edition pieces celebrating the beauty of nature. Handcrafted by artisans in Dallas, the extensive collection includes lamps, trays, boxes, vases and sculptures embellished with stunning natural elements. Standout pieces include handmade lamps studded with emerald calcite or rose quartz chunks, lacquered trays with gold-leafed shed deer antlers and decorative boxes capped with quartz points and amethyst and citrine clusters.



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3. Pillow Pop

Piper, a collaboration between mother-and-daughter design team Cindy and Whitney Caudle, debuted in 2012. A recent graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in Textile Design, Whitney joined Cindy, an interior designer, store owner and buyer, to create a pillow collection brimming with bold color and graphic textures. Metallic linens, exquisite embroidery and luxe animal-stamped leather combine to give Piper a fresh, yet elegant perspective.

4. Vintage Modern

Surya's new Zahra Collection captures the feel of traditional Persian rugs, enlivened with glowing, luminous colors perfectly suited for the modern day. Crafted in India of pure wool, each hand-knotted rug is repeatedly trimmed and washed to provide the distressed patina of a rug with provenance.



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