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Meg Braff

Finds a Secret Stash

When the archives of the now defunct wallpaper company Philip Graf were up for grabs, designer Meg Braff snatched up the treasure chest of designs and began plotting their comeback. "The archives had such great potential but needed a fresh, new look," notes Braff. Working her magic, she spent several months changing the grounds and re-thinking the colorations until she emerged this past spring with her first wallpaper collection. Braff describes the assortment as "a nod to how things were back then." Mission accomplished. There's a chic 1960s Palm Beach vibe that includes brightly colored, overscaled palm leaves, bamboo trellis patterns, quirky chinoiserie toiles, and Hicksian geometric patterns. Think Slim Aarons meets Technicolor elegance. Available through megbraffdesigns.com.



Ballard Designs

Ballard Designs' newest introduction is also the newest channel by which the company (ballarddesigns.com) can offer customized choices for their shoppers. "Casa Fiorentina"—custom-finished furniture made in Italy just for you—offers 15 hand-rubbed paint or stain options. Choose the piece, then choose the finish. The collection includes a battery of case pieces. Buffets, beds, chairs, hutches, and highboys are just a few of the choices. (Shown here: leather-seated "Leonardo" chair.) When your piece arrives, check it carefully. You'll find a plaque engraved with the name of the person who inspired it—you.



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Connor Stationery Paper Perfect

Connor Stationery creative director Henri Richter-Werner believes that "the genesis of a true luxury brand is the trace of a human hand." Well put. While the stationery's weight and quality alone are cause enough to swoon, it's the experience of caressing an engraved motif embellishing the paper like a rare jewel that converts lifelong paper snobs into lifetime Connor customers. The stationery arrives on your doorstep in a linen box, swaddled in a Loro Piana cashmere pouch. Now that's something to write home about (connornyc.com).

Our designer says

Daum, the legendary Parisian crystal atelier, and THG are creating product that brings artistry and opulence to the bath. —Scott Triethart, THG-USA

Daum+THG=Delightful

An extraordinary new line of crystal bathroom hardware is rock-solid beautiful

Is it any surprise that two of France's most luxurious and well-known brands would pair up to create nothing less than offerings sublime? Of course not—they're French! This recent partnership resulted in six designs that marry the exquisite hardware of THG (thgstyle.com) and the one-of-a-kind crystal sculptures of 133-year-old Daum (daum.fr). Designs include Dragon (Jade Dragon Faucet, right), Flore, Ginkgo, Vegetal, Paradise, and Island. Unexpected use of color and fine detailing make each a conversation piece, no matter the language. ▶

