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at HOME

A modern living room with a brown leather sofa, a white coffee table, and a woman sitting on the sofa with a dog. The room features large windows with white curtains, a gold floor lamp, and various plants. The woman is wearing a black dress and a headband. The dog is a small, light-colored breed. The coffee table is white and has a small potted plant and some decorative items on it. The floor is covered with a light-colored rug. The overall aesthetic is contemporary and stylish.

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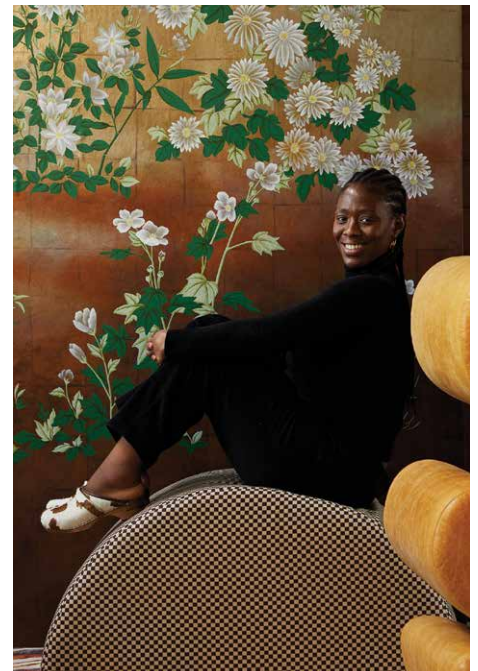
WHETHER PRACTICING THEIR CRAFT IN TANDEM OR SINGULARLY, THESE LATEST DESIGNER COLLECTIONS HAVE FORGED THEIR OWN PATH.

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ON THE FRINGE

Designer NeKeia McSwain has teamed with Ngala Trading Co. in their first collaboration, bringing to life her dream of designing something that pays homage to the Mother Land of South Africa. "I am greatly honored to share in this work with African artisans, whose amazing skills in this arena are a gift to the world of design," McSwain says. The NeKeia Collection features three lighting designs in a chandelier, pendant, and sconce, along with four new leather color offerings. "Partnering with a designer who understands the history and background of our company and the products we offer feels serendipitous in its timing," says Lawson Ricketts, creative director and co-founder of Ngala Trading Co. "Keia understands, respects, and embraces the stories of our pieces and shares our desire to bring luxurious African design to North America in a previously unseen way." ngalatrading.com



PASSION COLLECTIVE

Known for his ability to merge European classicism with American modernism, designer Michael S. Smith has long been a lover of de Gournay hand-painted wallcoverings, so he was thrilled when he was invited to create his own designs for the beloved institution. In an incredible meeting of creative minds and craftsmen, the new collection is showcased in a campaign that includes talents like British-born Ghanaian designer Kusheda Mensah. Each collaborator was tasked with highlighting Smith's designs in their own interpreted environment with stunning results befitting of the de Gournay awe-inspiring effect. degournay.com



BLOWN AWAY

Iconic designer Iris Apfel has teamed with industry textile favorite Fabricut to release a new collaborative collection called Maximal Couture. With the exception of her signature black-rimmed glasses, the collection oozes every bit of Apfel's style, color, and character with jazzy patterns, colorful textures, and luxe trims.

High-end pieces blend effortlessly with statement-making affordable accents for an eclectic collection offering something for everyone. But perhaps the most interesting elements come in the trims, reflective of the kind of show-stopping accessories for which Apfel is known. fabricut.com



WILD AT HEART

For 120 years, Wildwood Home has created lighting and accessories that have become a gold standard in interior design. So pairing up with designer Meg Bruff, known for her artful mix of modern and heritage, was a natural step. Bruff's new collection is inspired by Palm Beach chic and features simple but bold designs with functional shapes and a playful tone. Hues like sky blue, green, and white give a nod to the ultimate mod beach vibe, while scalloped details echo a certain Slim Aarons originality that marks the line. Palm fronds and leafy forms give way to brass and cane accents for an everyday modern feel, making this collection timeless. wildwoodhome.com



MAKE HAY

Danish furniture and accessories company HAY is lauded for its forward-thinking designs and simple modern aesthetic. So when Belgian husband-and-wife design duo Fien Muller and Hannes Van Severen teamed with HAY to create a lighting line, a clean, interesting collection full of originality and pared-down elements emerged. Arcs is a series of pieces formed from a continuous chain of curved arches that form a single element, resulting in a scalloped silhouette. Vibrant colors are cast in steel and bathed in a mirror finish to reflect light and embolden hues. us.hay.com



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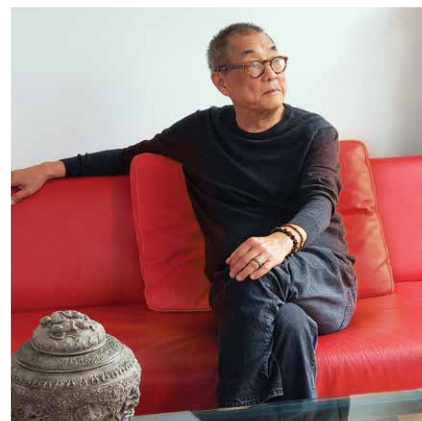
TRANSFORMATIVE POWERS

The Metamorphosis Collection, designed by Lori Weitzner for Samuel & Sons, is an ode to nature. It plays on the truth that transformation is inevitable, but the joy is in the unexpected. From strange and beautiful to whimsical and exuberant, the collection of beading and embroideries is created with rich fabrics and colors and unique techniques, both old and modern. The Flutter line is delicate with translucent fabrics and scalloped seams, while the Bumblebee line features plush textures and contrasting colors. samuelandsons.com



ABSTRACT REALITY

"I wanted to explore the concept of the soul in relation to how we perceive life through the senses," explains Michael C.F. Chan of his latest collaboration with The Rug Company. "Each design begins with a distinct symbol, which has



been abstracted to encourage the viewer to search deeper and discover how our senses work." The elegant Modern Dragon and Theory lines pay homage to Chan's heritage, featuring traditional iconography of Chinese dragons and Chinese calligraphy reimagined into abstract woven art forms. therugcompany.com



FORGE AHEAD

Local North Carolina furniture maker Charleston Forge has partnered with Charlotte designer Lauren Clement to create The Paddock Collection, which speaks to the passion of the designer as well as the craft of the artisan. "This collection combines my true love for nature and horses with my passion for interior design," Clement explains. With a design philosophy of Family + Function, Clement designed the line with durability yet originality in mind. "The paddock is the place where horses are the most natural, the most free, and oftentimes the most happy," she adds, which aligns with her desire to design pieces that are at home in any environment. ahokelimited.com

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