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Designers' Secret Web Sites

You're probably no stranger to online shopping. But where can you find products like antique andirons, modular carpeting or Basque fabrics? We asked the pros to tell all

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“The Web has opened up endless possibilities,” says designer Amy Boykin

LIGHTING

Perpetually on the hunt for a stylish sconce or streamlined shade? With these six sites, you can't go wrong

1. GROOVY PENDANTS

Mibo's graphic-print lamps "are a great way to brighten up a small space," says N.Y.C. designer Sheila Bridges, who hosts a design show on the Fine Living network. Mibo lamp, \$86-\$106. edge-modern.com or 800-506-6541



2. CONTEMPORARY STYLES

The Web site for Lightology lists more than 400 lines of contemporary lighting. This suspension light is one of Chicago architect Julie Fisher's top choices for hanging over a dining room table. "It casts a nice ambient light and creates another plane in the room without being obtrusive," she says. "It would be perfect in a loft." Oval suspension light, \$486; lightology.com or 866-554-4487

3. PERIOD LOOKS

Designers Brad Dunning and Thomas Jayne both recommend Rejuvenation, a 27-year-old company that specializes in reproductions of vintage lighting and hardware. "I love how on this site you can pick the period or style of your home, from Victo-

rian to Craftsman to atomic age," Dunning says, then find the right lighting solution to go with it. Patton Valley fixture with brushed-nickel finish, \$375; rejuvenation.com or 888-401-1900

4. WALL FIXTURES

"It's very difficult to find good lighting, especially for bathrooms," says Austin, Texas, designer Amy Boykin, who rec-

ommends Circa Lighting's Web site for the finishes and affordability of the fixtures. One of Boykin's favorite pieces is the Pimlico double-swing-arm wall lamp, which is typically used in a bedroom but looks great on either side of a bathroom mirror. Pimlico lamp, \$376; circalighting.com or 877-762-2323

5. NATURAL MATERIALS

"Fuse Lighting does stylish, high-end fixtures with capiz shells, rocks and other organic items," says designer Kimberly Biehl Schmidt, who asked the firm to produce a cascading capiz shell chandelier and matching sconces for one of her clients. Each piece is made by

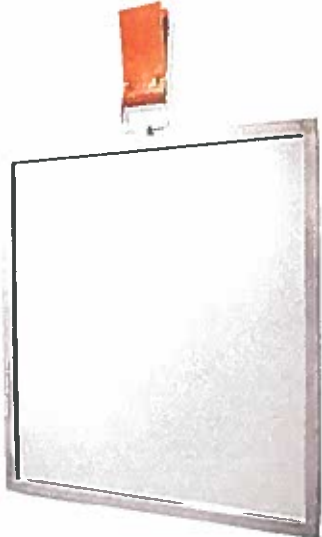
hand, using a variety of finishes, including pewter and oil-rubbed bronze. Fuse Lighting sells only to designers, but pieces can be purchased through Dennis Miller Associates. Alex pendant lamp, \$3,500; fuselighting.com or 212-684-0070

6. ANTIQUES

Brooke Gomez visits remains.com for antiques and inspiration. She combines glitzy glass sconces and chandeliers with furniture from the twenties, thirties or forties to give a room an ethereal ambience. Gilt-bronze sconce with crystals, \$3,500 for two; remains.com or 212-675-8051



of Austin, Texas. "I used to have to fly to Dallas or Houston to go shopping."



MEXICAN ARTISANAL GOODS

New York City designer Victoria Hagan turns to Casamidy in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, for its handmade metal and leather furnishings, which can be seen at the Viceroy hotel in Palm Springs, Calif., and the Soho Grand Hotel in Manhattan. "The simplicity of the Altavista mirror is wonderful," Hagan says. "The metal works as a nice accent to a console or chest—it's more interesting than trying to match materials." Nickel-plated Altavista mirror (20" x 18") with strap, \$250; casamidy.com[*] or 011-52-415-152-0403



MINIMALIST TABLEWARE

For tabletop items and home accessories with a streamlined Japanese sensibility, Bridges swears by Global Table, a Soho boutique whose Web site offers a

sumptuous inventory at down-to-earth prices. The intense red glaze and sinuous lines of the ceramic teapot and cups by Judith Weber (also available in green, orange and graphite) make a strong case for leaving your wares on display, not tucked away in a cabinet. Bridges is particularly fond of the site's bowls and vases. Teapot and cups, \$220 for a set with four cups;

globaltable.com[*] or 212-431-5839

ORGANIC OBJETS

Ruzzetti & Gow's Web site is Birmingham, Ala., designer Betsy Brown's first stop when she's surfing the Net for nontraditional accessories. "I like their cool, white spiky



ceramic sea urchins," she says. Brown also favors the firm's selection of chunky natural crystals: "They look really good on a table in a modern house." Co-founder Christopher Gow launched the business in 1996, shipping elaborate Southeast Asian seashells to artisans in Rome, who dipped them in silver. Since then he has expanded his business to include unusual stones, minerals and ceramics. Rock crystal (\$250) and Palastanga sea urchins (\$180-\$250 each); ruzzettiandgow.com or 212-327-4281

MULTIFUNCTIONAL FURNITURE

"Bowwow has some of the most clever, original furniture made of metal and wood," says Aspen designer Linda Bedell. "Part of its bronze swivel coffee table is on concealed casters, so it can double as a bench." Suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, Bowwow's furniture is handmade in Britain. Swivel coffee table (H: 19½", L: 59", W: 19½"), approx. \$8,600; www.bowwow.co.uk[*] or 011-44-174-981-2500



[*]Denotes sites without e-commerce. You must call to place an order.