



1 Electric Blue

Six years of testing have finally paid off. The sky-blue GE Reveal lightbulb—intended to imitate the glow of sunlight—takes the yellow out of incandescence, making everything in its orbit look a whole lot better. A four-pack costs \$3–\$4 at most hardware stores; log on to gereveal.com for more information.

2 Bookshelf

In *Terence Conran Kitchens: The Hub of the Home* (Clarkson Potter/Publishers, \$40), Sir Terence updates his classic 1977 tome to reflect 21st-century innovations. Sheila Bridges, who decorated Bill Clinton's Harlem offices, offers up her design philosophy in *Furnishing Forward* (Bulfinch Press, \$40). And rural living across three continents is explored in *Country Interiors* by Diane Dorrans Saeks (Taschen, \$40).

3 English Rose

England's Alnwick Castle made its film debut last year in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* as the exterior of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Now, under the patronage of Prince Charles, the garden of the 11th-century Northumberland castle has been renovated. Wirtz International, a Belgian landscape-design firm, has beautified the property's 12 acres with fountains, a grass labyrinth, a 3,000-stem rose garden, and a geometric ornamental garden with box shrubs and crab-apple trees. Open year-round; call 011-44-016-6551-0777 or visit alnwickgarden.com.

4 Miami Heat

Mynt Ultra Lounge, a sea-foam-and-chrome bar and club outfitted by furniture designer Juan Carlos Arcila-Duque, is the latest addition to South Beach nightlife. A chic throwback to 1950s Miami café society, Mynt serves retro cocktails (including its signature concoction, the myntini) while keeping the R&B, hip-hop, funk, and house music low enough for intimate conversation. At 1921 Collins Avenue; call 786-276-6132.

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