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Toledo, Ohio

During the 1930s Toledo emerged as an industrial design center, and major talents like Harold Van Doren and Norman Bel Geddes came to town to produce everything from washing machines to fabric (William Pahlmann designed the Schumacher

pattern above). More than 180 such items are on view in the exhibition "Alliance of Art and Industry," at the Toledo Museum of Art through June 16.

Bookshelf Reservations at Babbo, the Manhattan Mecca of Italian cuisine, are notoriously difficult to snag, but now gourmands eager to sample Mario Batali's classics can cook them at home with The Babbo Cookbook (Clarkson Potter, \$40). If your kitchen needs updating, look no further than Terence Conran Kitchens (Clarkson Potter, \$45) for the design guru's advice on making the room stylish and functional. Designer Sheila Bridges also knows a thing or two about creating attractive spaces—just ask clients Bill Clinton, Torn Clancy, and Sean Cornbs. Better yet, see for yourself in her new book, Furnishing Forward (Little, Brown, \$40).



Santa Barbara, California

The Kathryn Ireland-designed rooms at the Hotel Oceana in Santa Barbara are filled with the designer's trademark English-cum-California coziness, down to the fabrics (a red-accented room is pictured above). Oceana's beachfront location, Mission-style architecture, and courtyard gardens make it just as attractive on the outside. Hotel Oceana, 202 West Cabrillo Boulevard; 800-965-9776.