

③ "THE WHOLE IDEA OF **CREATIVE MORNINGS** IS TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A NON-ELITIST WAY TO TALK ABOUT DESIGN."

—JON SETZEN, ORGANIZER OF L.A.'S JUST-LAUNCHED MONTHLY DESIGN MEET-UP, CREATIVE MORNINGS, HELD AT FORD & CHING



④ **HOME, ITALIAN STYLE**

Who says high-designed pieces like Porro's Balancing Boxes side table (*pictured*) have to feel cold? Making contemporary almost cozy, home showroom **Graye** takes the edge off minimal Italian design. Sleek yet whimsical furniture, lighting and rugs by big-name designers all play by the same look-and-touch rulebook.



⑤ **ICE BOX**

The latest in housing baubles comes from interior designer **Elisabeth Weinstock**, who has launched a line of seriously fancy jewelry boxes, including the towering **Luxembourg** (*pictured*). The eight-drawer contraption not only locks, but can also be bolted to the wall and the floor. Your ice will be safe—and stylish—here.



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RARE DESIGN

Extravagance takes the high road at **Gray Gallery** where a hybrid of rare jewels and bespoke furniture keeps elegant company. Look for vintage seating, exquisite lighting and pieces like Juan Garrido's sterling silver candle holders (*pictured*).

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OPEN HOUSE

Weekend warriors, take aim. The **Pacific Design Center** is now open to everyone (decorators as well as civilians) one Saturday a month. Get ready to shop on January 29.



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CARPET RIDE

Call it a case of opposites attract. George Smith's recent partnership with **Niba Rugs** in its La Cienega showroom may not seem like a logical match, but the chemistry works. Niba's highly whimsical patterns and color combos perfectly play off George Smith's regal seating.



⑨ **FASHIONABLE FLOORS**

U.K.-born, L.A.-based designer **Inghua Ting** is now creating her vintage leather belt floors (yes, floors) for some of L.A.'s hottest homes. Ting hand-makes each "tile" using side-by-side belts, then arranges the squares in strapping patterns to create highly durable surfaces that, according to Ting, will last at least 100 years.



⑩ **VIRTUALDÉCOR**

Why let geography get in the way of great design? Decorator **Windsor Smith** has just launched a virtual design biz that provides her take on high-glam interiors to clients the world over. For a set per-square-foot fee, Smith works off your digital photos, measurements and inspiration to create one-of-a-kind designs that you implement yourself. DIY luxury at its finest.

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LOFTY IDEA

Get ready for some high-drama design. Interior decorator **Adam Hunter** is opening an interiors studio/retail store in a loftlike space on Melrose, where he'll carry a selection of small accessories, design books and, come this spring, his first limited-edition furniture line.