

TORONTO'S ULTIMATE GUIDE TO DESIGN

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shop is stocked with exhibition-related coffee table books. 317 DUNDAS ST W 416 979 6610 TUE 11:30-6, WED 11:30-9, THU-SUN 11:30-6 AGO.NET/SHOP

Snob

Owner Denise Zidel returns from her monthly travels to a dozen African countries with authentic African furniture and accessories embellished with ostrich feathers, zebra skin and horn. Popular items include Ronel Jordaan's felted merino wool pillows resembling rocks, batik silk cushions from Mali and handmade gold-plated pendant lights from Egypt. 388 CARLAW AVE, STE #202F 416 778 8778 MON-SAT 10-6, SUN 12-5 SNOBSTUFF.COM

Stack

A neat freak's heaven, this narrow shop packs its shelves with space-saving solutions and colourful kitchenware, such as Zoku's Quick pop Maker, which freezes ice pops in minutes without electricity, and Reisetel's collapsible trolley bag that makes getting groceries home a breeze. Fatboy's beanbag chairs are here, in an array of patterns and colours (including Marimekko prints), as is Joseph Joseph's popular chopping board set that is indexed for specific tasks. 2124 QUEEN ST E 416 693 6868 MON & TUE 11-6, WED-FRI 11-7, SAT 10-6, SUN 11-5 STACKCANADA.COM

Studio Brillantine

Almost every home accessory here is part of MoMA's permanent collection. Classic kitchen and office supplies by Alessi, Georg Jensen and Philippe Starck get their due alongside new inventory that includes electronics by Japan's Plus Minus Zero, Mondaine official Swiss railway wall clocks, Comme des Garçons wallets, Dieter Ram wristwatches for Braun and (a real coup) an exclusive selection of Issey Miyake shape-shifting Bao Bao handbags. 1518 QUEEN ST W 416 536 6521 MON-SAT 11-6, SUN 12-5 STUDIOBRILLANTINE.COM

Swipe

Tucked inside the artistically wonderful 401 Richmond is this dreamland for design and architecture literati. Shelves are packed with classic and newly released titles on everything from graphic arts and sustainable design to iconic fashion. You'll find wavy vases by Aalto for littala, classic Rosti kitchenware, archi-building kits by Lego and Fisher's geek-chic space pens. 401 RICHMOND ST W, STE #121 416 363 1332 MON-FRI 10-7, SAT 11-6 SWIPE.COM

Umbra Concept Store

Clad in translucent pink bands, this Kohn Shnier-designed building glows like a Japanese lantern at dusk. The two-storey shop carries an expansive collection of garbage bins, mirrors, desk toys and other home accessories. It's also the only place to find Umbra's higher-end U+ collection, which is designed in-house and includes envelope-pushing items like the Little Black Dress jewellery organizer that resembles a dress on a hanger and the barely-there Conceal floating bookshelf. 165 JOHN ST 416 599 0088 MON-FRI 11-7, SAT 10-7, SUN 11-6 UMBRA.COM

Up to You

Set up like a hip apartment, Up to You offers a voyeuristic shopping experience, with various *objets d'art* tucked into cupboards and bookcases. Catering to a design-savvy clientele, siblings Bill and Dimitra Doufekas hunt down witty and unusual accessories from some of the world's hottest – and quirkiest – designers: polka-

dotted staplers from Mark'sphere Stationary and MONUmini's etched stainless steel build-it-yourself models of London's Tower Bridge. 1483 QUEEN ST E 416 778 6487 MON & TUE BY APPT, WED-SAT 11-6, SUN 12-5 UPTOYOUTORONTO.COM

Upper Canada

Knobs, hooks, hinges, pulls, doorbells, grates, house numbers, knockers and mail slots – UC has it all, embellished with everything from ultra-contemporary chrome to hand-blown glass. Among the roughly 40 brands, highlights include the ultra-chic offerings from Italy's Colombo and Valli & Valli, whose design roster includes Zaha Hadid and Jean-Marie Massaud. 10 BRENTCLIFFE AVE, UNIT #14 416 696 8358 MON-FRI 8:30-5, SAT 10-4 UC.SH.COM

West Elm

The hipper sibling to Pottery Barn and Williams-Sonoma attracts apartment and condo dwellers with its affordable furniture basics and accoutrements. Its clean-lined storage beds, modular sectionals and console tables, all made from natural materials, are complemented by a seemingly limitless selection of light fixtures, linens and storage pieces. Add a hit of eclectic style with the Aid to Artisans collection, which includes striped poufs sewn in Morocco. 109 ATLANTIC AVE 416 537 0110 MON-FRI 10-9, SAT 10-7, SUN 11-6 WESTELM.COM

Workshop

Next to the Bay subway station, this underground experimental design lab and gallery prizes outside-the-box thinking. It fuses Eastern sensibilities with Western aesthetics as a way of shifting cultural perspectives. Exhibitions rotate every four months and Workshop sells products, including a clay teapot with built-in strainer from Shanghai architecture firm Neri & Hu and prototypes produced in-house. 80 BLOOR ST W, CONCOURSE LVL 416 925 1323 WED-SAT 12-6 OR BY APPT WORKSHOPTORONTO.COM

Ziggy's at Home

Packed with a sophisticated selection of bath and home products, this College Street store covers all the bases: contemporary armchairs and sectionals from Vancouver's Van Gogh, foldable fabric planter boxes from French label Baccac and gorgeous rough wood serving boards from Toronto's own Urban Tree Salvage. Need a last-minute gift? Opt for Riedel's luxe champagne tumblers and hand-poured soy candles from Kobo. 794 COLLEGE ST 416 535 8728 MON & TUE 11-7, WED-SAT 10-7, SUN 11-5 ZIGGYSATHOME.COM

Flooring & Tiles



Cambria

A breathtaking ode to natural quartz, this showroom artfully displays 50-plus of the company's colour options in large, easy-to-peruse framed slabs and designer model vignettes of kitchen countertops, foyer banquettes and bathroom sink custom inlays – all demonstrating the shimmering, mined-in-Canada mineral's visual allure and versatility. This is a showroom and staff members are happy to direct interested parties to local Cambria dealers. 91 PARLIAMENT ST 416 363 8801 MON-FRI 10-6, SAT 11-4 CAMBRIACANADA.COM

Céragrès

Castlefield's tile market got some stiff new competition when this Montreal company opened its doors. The spacious showroom is incredibly user-friendly, whether you're a pro or a newbie, and all of its ceramic, porcelain, slate, stone and quartz lines it carries are regionally exclusive to Céragrès. The Métal mosaics in stainless steel and copper are mesmerizing as are the large format tiles that look like wood but are, in fact, ceramic. 170 TYCOS DR 416 286 3553 MON-WED 9:30-5:30, THU 9:30-8, FRI & SAT 9:30-5:30 CERAGRES.CA

Ciot Habitat

Mosaics might be Ciot's specialty – it can create custom assemblages from photographs – but this intricately laid-out showroom also boasts a wide selection of ceramic, glass, porcelain and natural stone floor and wall tiles. Highlights include Montreal-designed Mudtile's tonic collection, which features glazed porcelain overlays with bold graphic designs, and the ostentatiously veined Cipollino marble. 1020 LAWRENCE AVE W 416 785 8080 MON-WED 9-5, THU & FRI 9-8, SAT 9:30-5 (ALSO: 8899 JANE ST 416 739 8000) CIOT.COM

Crystal Tile & Marble

Herein lies a mountain of inspiration: this 930-square-metre Munge Leung-designed warehouse is packed with 600 types of surfacing slabs, organized by material and propped up so you can see exactly what you're getting. CT&M also offers custom countertops; clients choose the actual slab, the polish and edge finish. Over at 23 Apex Road, CT&M presents a selection of finished glass, marble and mosaic wares by Sicis. 29 DUFFLAW RD 416 782 4380 MON-FRI 8:30-5:30, SAT 9:30-3, SUN 10-3 CRYSTALLTILEMARBLE.COM

Deco-Tile

DT's showroom displays vintage-inspired offerings, like subway tile, hexagonal modules and penny rounds, as well as traditionalist options, including large-format slabs of marble, granite and limestone. For a contemporary touch, check out the vast and colourful Sumi-E line of hand-poured recycled-glass mosaics. 950 DUPONT ST 416 413 7985 MON-FRI 10-5, SAT 10-4, SUN 12-4 DECOTILE.CA

European Flooring

True to its name, EF offers a variety of engineered and wide-plank hardwood options from European lines such as Verona Floors and Listone Giordano. Planed, distressed or brushed oil-finished hardwoods are available, as well as *au courant* matte and natural finishes. Quality wood offerings are displayed on large, sliding panels so that customers can get a better look and feel – without throwing their backs out. 920 YONGE ST 416 967 9200 MON-FRI 10-6:30, SAT 11-4 EUROPEANFLOORING.CA

Floor Studio

Steve Vasconcelos' high-ceilinged showroom is perfect for browsing samples of FS's proprietary lines of flooring made of new materials – such as bamboo, vinyl, laminate and cork – and reclaimed options like antique planks salvaged from local sites. There is also an exclusive range of oiled natural woods by Volunta Parket, available in oak and ash and in a variety of cuts – ranging from classic herringbone to extra-wide boards – and custom stains. 171 EAST LIBERTY ST 416 533 2855 MON-FRI 10-6, SAT 10-4 THEFLOORSTUDIO.CA