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**FRESH TAKE
ON DESIGN**

**WOVEN
FURNISHINGS**

**INSPIRED
CHILDREN'S
ROOMS**



DESIGN NOTES

A peek inside the latest buzz-worthy design news happening in the area



CROSSING STATE LINES

Family owned and operated, **Bilotta Kitchen & Home** has added a new showroom in Greenwich, joining ranks with its three existing New York area locations to provide greater accessibility to the CT market. Already a trusted resource in the tri-state area, the company is well known for its handmade cabinetry, innovative products and inspirational design. In addition to kitchens, Bilotta Kitchen & Home creates custom crafted bathrooms and living spaces. “We’re excited to bring the Bilotta brand and service to CT,” says partner Jim Bilotta. *Currently open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10–4, or by appointment, 209 River Rd, Ext., Cos Cob, 203-210-0107, bilotta.com.*



TURNING 60

Legendary decorative fabric brand **Clarence House** will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. Founded in 1961 by NYC interior designer Robin Roberts, the company has continued to produce some of the most iconic and storied textile patterns in the industry. To commemorate the milestone, Clarence House will honor each decade of its legacy with a special program to be rolled out over the course of the year. Six enlisted interior

designers will be assigned a specific decade to illustrate a design moment using Clarence House patterns, past and present. The talents of Rayman Boozer, Michelle Nussbaumer, Garrow Kedigian, Keita Turner, Drake/Anderson and Frank Ponterio will highlight the successive centuries, with Boozer leading the way with a tribute to the '60s. “I could not think of a better way to celebrate our 60th than to look back at the decades that led us to where we are,” says David Klaristenfeld, V.P. of Fabricut. *Clarence House fabrics are available through Fabricut showrooms, clarencehouse.com.*

DESIGN DIRECTION

Calico, formerly known as Calico Corners, opened the doors to its new Westport location in February. With 60-plus stores nationwide, the Westport destination is the first “design shop” model for the company and a one-stop resource for custom decorating. The timing couldn’t be

better, as people are spending more time at home and looking to upgrade their interiors. Supriya Himatsingka, head of brand and design, notes, “We are adapting to meet the design needs of our communities and customers.” Fabrics are displayed by collection and color, and furniture is presented in room settings with coordinating draperies and shades to inspire and showcase Calico’s custom craftsmanship. A designated design area creates an inviting workspace for consultation and collaboration, and iPads allow customers to visualize fabric choices on furniture frames through the brand’s proprietary C360 virtual app. *224 Post Rd. E., Westport, 203-254-7904, calicocorners.com.*

OLD WORLD GLAM

Decorative Crafts steps up the glam in its Greenwich showroom with fabulous new finds sourced from Italy, including Murano glass mirrors, crystal lamps and finely crafted furniture. Founded in 1928, the business maintains a working relationship with approximately 25 small artisans in northern Italy, many of whom, like Decorative Crafts, are family owned and multi-generational. Offering both contemporary and traditional designs, each Decorative Craft piece is created by master craftsmen. *50 Chestnut St., Greenwich, 203-531-1590, decorativecrafts.com.*

COLOR POPS

Greenwich-based **Fayette Studio** has teamed up with interior designer



Melanie Morris to launch an exclusive capsule rug collection. The designs reflect Morris’ signature happy, graphic and comfortable style. “Melanie brings out a unique personality in each of her projects,” says Kyra Schulhof, founder and CEO of Fayette Studio. “I had no doubt collaborating with her would result in something distinctively modern, sophisticated and fun.” The seven original rug designs, unveiled in March, are available in three to four curated colorways but are fully customizable in material, size and color combinations. “I approach designing products in a similar way as I do designing interiors—it should feel fresh, but not too serious,” says Morris. “The result is a marriage of my love of the simple, modern and playful in a colorful, graphic collection.” *28 Bruce Park Ave., Greenwich, 203-769-1617, fayettestudio.com.*

—Mary Fitzgerald



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