

ELLE DECOR

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1 Pillow Talk

Known for bold graphics rendered via granny-age techniques, textile designer Judy Ross has branched out into abstract botanical prints. The Fauna pillows of chain-stitched New Zealand wool (\$190 each) are handcrafted by artisans in India who decide the direction of the stitches for themselves. "I never know if they're going to outline the pattern or create leaf veins," says Ross. "It adds a whole dimension." Call 212-842-1705; judyrosstextiles.com

2 Penned in Style

Acme Studio has made its reputation producing small objects designed by very big names. Its collection of pens, wallets, and card cases spans an extraordinary A-list of designers from Frank Lloyd Wright and Verner Panton (his Geometri pen, far right) to contemporary talents, including Marcel Wanders (Colori, left) and Gene Meyer (GM Horizontal, middle). The roller-ball pens cost \$55 each. Call 808-878-2541 for stores; acmestudio.com.

3 Bedside Manners

Nambé, a name once synonymous with buffed metal bowls from New Mexico, has long since expanded into a wide range of porcelain, crystal, and glass tableware. But its dedication to "purpose with beauty" has remained unchanged. The Bedside decanter is neatly stoppered with its own water glass and costs \$75. Call 800-443-0339; nambe.com.

4 Bespoke Notes

Friend to dukes, doyennes, and debutantes, Mrs. John L. Strong set up shop as a "social stationer" in 1929. Her company has equipped the desks of the discerning with hand-engraved calling cards and notepaper ever since. The 2006 calendar on a brass easel is stamped in gold with selections from the company's renowned collection of 19th-century metal dies. It sells for \$95 at the Mrs. John L. Strong shop at Barneys New York. Call 212-833-2060; barneys.com.

