

Best New Ideas

Compared to trendy mattresses that cost as much as your car, those from Swedish company Duxiana seem almost a steal. The new Dux 8888 raises the bar on customization, with two lumbar supports that each adjust up to 1.5 inches, via a crank you insert at the foot of the bed. You also get to cherry-pick the firmness of the six swappable panels that make up one layer of the mattress, from among three different densities. As with all Dux beds, a wealth of steel inner springs helps support the spine and equally distribute pressure. The 2.5-inch cushy top pad of cotton-wrapped natural latex comes off for cleaning or replacement. \$5,460–\$10,480; sizes twin long through king. www.duxbed.com. Available at Duxiana, 144 Steele St. (Cherry Creek North), Denver, 303-355-4991.



The handcrafted Alexander bed, from Los Angeles boutique furniture maker Nathan Anthony, adds some polish to your boudoir with its neatly tailored tufted headboard. It's also great for leaning back against when you stay up late finishing *Middlesex*. In addition to microsuede, the bed is available, by special order, in your choice of 350 fabrics. It requires both a mattress and boxspring. Available in queen, king, and California king sizes, starting at \$1,395. www.nafurniture.com. Available at La Maison, 201 Main St., Carbondale, 963-3288.

New York designer Judy Ross produces pillows as art (some of her work, in fact, is in the Art Institute of Chicago). Artisans in northern India embroider Ross's patterns—coffee tree is shown here—out of hand-dyed New Zealand wool, using a traditional chainstitch technique. The 18-by-18-inch pillows are down stuffed and backed with canvas. This is one set of pillows you won't just toss on the floor. \$190. www.judyrosstextiles.com. Available at Fraiche Home, 227 Midland Ave., Sasak, 927-3808.

