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My Favorite Things

The city's finest boutiques, furniture restorers, specialty shops, designers, cleaners, and more, as chosen by five very discerning New Yorkers.
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Paul Kasmin Gallery has both established artists and mid-career ones like Nir Hod [pictured, *Life and Death of a Star*, 2015] and Erik Parker. I go quarterly or when they have something new. And Eleven Rivington has been able to offer the work of emerging artists like Jackie Saccoccio and Lisa Ruyter at excellent prices. Paul Kasmin Gallery, 293 Tenth Ave., nr. 27th St.; 212-563-4474; Eleven Rivington, 11 Rivington St., nr. Chrystie St.; 212-982-1930

Flowers? John Goodman does all my birthday soirées! Even if you don't have a theme, he can help you invoke one. And then I like the variety at Spruce—I can run in and get a dozen of something beautiful that I love. JL Goodman, jlgoodmandesign.tumblr.com; Spruce, 222 Eighth Ave., nr. 21st St.; 212-414-0588



I love a plush bed, and Ankasa has beautiful hand-embroidered linens and pillows that remind me of my childhood—my grandmother used to crochet and do needlepoint. 424 Broome St., nr. Crosby St.; 212-226-8002

All of Rain Africa's soaps are sustainable and use African botanicals. You can smell the purity, and they're really great on extremely dry skin. 59 W. 49th St., nr. Sixth Ave.; 212-239-3070

I used to spend hours in Rizzoli looking at fashion books as if it were a library. The wood walls and architecture were simply calming. 1133 Broadway, nr. 26th St.; 212-759-2424

My last big purchase was a Lillian August bar dining table. Not only do my kids get a kick out of it; it's great when I'm getting into hair and makeup at home. We do everything there. 12 W. 20th St., nr. Fifth Ave.; 212-206-1883

DwellStudio has rich-looking, well-crafted pieces with a modern, contemporary twist at an approachable price. They have some beautiful end tables. 77 Wooster St., nr. Spring St.; 646-442-6000

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