

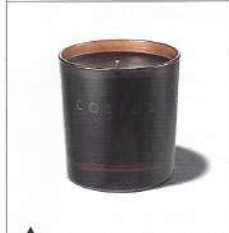


# STEAL THIS DESIGN\*

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How to badassify your home by borrowing genius design ideas from the coolest bars, hotels, restaurants, and stores in the world

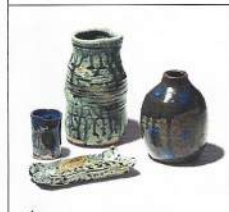
## BITE BUY THEIR STYLE



**The Slow Burn**  
Paris's historic Hôtel Costes sells its sexy rum-scented candle online now. Hallelujah! \$51, [shop.hotelcostes.com](http://shop.hotelcostes.com)



**DIY Rasta Stool**  
Crib Miss Lily's moves (see right) with an inexpensive barstool and your local furniture upholsterer.



**Imperfect Pottery**  
These trippy, drippy ceramics from RTH Shop add just a touch of vision-quest flair. From \$25, 310-289-7912

## GO BIG AND GO HOME The Case for a Theme

We get it: The idea of a themed house—even just a room—seems crazy. But what you can take from these four places is that when you amplify a singular design idea, it only gets better.

**NO. 1 »  
GO HARD LIKE GRANDMA**  
*The Bachelor Farmer, Minneapolis*  
The restaurant's interior designer, Janet Gridley, found inspiration in photos of old recording studios strewn with knit blankets and rugs for sound dampening. "I wanted a modern take," says Gridley, who scored most of the eighty or so afghans on Etsy. Not into crocheting? The larger idea here is that where one is good, one hundred is better, whether that's vintage cameras or framed concert tees.—SEAN HOTCHKISS

**NO. 2 »  
JUST, LIKE, LOOSEN UP, MAAAN**  
*RTH Shop, L.A.*  
Both RTH stores—near each other on North La Cienega—are living mood boards for a vision of a peyote-inflected Wild West Coast birthed by owner René Holguin. They're an ever evolving home to glazed ceramics (see left), mind-expanding patterns, and lots of raw-wood furniture rubbed with varying blends of linseed, cedarwood, and/or vetiver oils that help give each store a signature scent. "The simpler the furniture, the more versatile it is," Holguin says. "Unfinished wood ages nicely—it warms up and it darkens. You can't fake that."—J.C.

**NO. 3 »  
STAY GOLDEN, PREPPY BOY**  
*The Polo Bar, N.Y.C.*  
Ralph Lauren's third restaurant is classic with a smirk, and does for your mood what his clothes do for your style—make it better. The Polo Bar works because it's Ralph on overdrive: acres of brown leather with throw pillows made from woolen blankets, plus nine pieces of horse-themed art where one would suffice. That's how you take your pad from house to clubhouse.—JON WILDE

**NO. 4 »  
DON'T CALL IT TIKI**  
*Miss Lily's 7A, N.Y.C.*  
Want to know what it's like inside Bunny Wailer's brain? Step into Miss Lily's 7A. You hear the perfectly curated island soundtrack, and then you see it—in the vinyl-printed wallpaper, the custom camo-covered stools (see left), and the clashing patterns, all delivering intense '80s-diner-meets-Jamaica vibes. These aren't your mom's Overstock.com tiki torches; this is a love poem to an island.—MYLES HENRY



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