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DESIGN BEAT

Luxe Living

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TOP-OF-THE-LINE DESIGN SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR HOME

LUXURIOUS LEATHERS

One of my favorite fabric companies, **Rogers & Goffigon**, has introduced its first line of luxurious leather, available in two qualities of full-grained, chrome-tanned hides, all of European origin. Andalusia is pure aniline-dyed leather and Picardie is semi-aniline-dyed leather with a polished surface. This tanning process brings out the natural characteristics of each hide and the end result is gorgeous. Both are offered in an edited selection of sophisticated, neutral tones that reflect Rogers & Goffigon's signature style. *Rogers & Goffigon, Ltd. (T), 41 Chestnut St., Greenwich, 203-532-8068.*

STUNNING STERLING

Lawrence Jeffrey is a unique shop showcasing stylish decorative arts such as antique silver barware and serving pieces, as well as wonderful estate jewelry. Owner Jeff Russak is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about each piece. Every visit is a mini history lesson. This Sterling Champagne bucket by John Chandler Moore for Tiffany & Co. was designed in 1855 in the Gothic revival style. Its handles are decorated with female busts, and winged gargoyles serve as feet. *Lawrence Jeffrey, 33 West St., Litchfield, 860-567-0951, ljobjects.com.*

MAGNIFICENT MONOGRAMS

I love adding a personal monogram somewhere in my clients' homes—it's a small luxury that lends just the right finishing touch. Amy Torosyan at **Best Monogram** will use your logo or custom artwork to create a unique embroidered monogram. Or choose from her existing standard designs to personalize anything. She carries linens and bath items in her shop, as well as a large selection of baby presents and hostess gifts. *Best Monogram, 1 Titus Rd., Washington Depot, 860-868-7707, bestmonogram.com.*

EXCEPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Hoagland's of Greenwich is a one-stop shop for the finest selection of china and accessories for the home. I can shop for all areas of a client's home and see how the pieces relate by pulling them together right there in the shop. On a recent visit, I was struck by the presentation of the Hermès Bleus d'Ailleurs tableware collection. Its intense blue and white with black graphic patterns are modern yet traditional in origin, allowing them to fit any décor. *Hoagland's of Greenwich, 175 Greenwich Ave., 203-869-2127, hoaglands.com.*

RARE READS

Dan Dwyer has a fine selection of rare and collectible books with a focus on literature, architecture and design, plus a surprising collection of children's books. Many have beautiful jackets that brighten a living room table or a library. I like looking at the rooms published in the old interior design books and flipping through the wonderfully illustrated kids' books. If you can't get up to Northwest Connecticut, visit his internet storefront that has existed longer than the shop itself. *Johnnycake Books, 12 Academy St., Salisbury, 860-435-6677, johnnycakebooks.com.*

