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NEW YORK IS THE EPICENTER of imagination when it comes to home design and décor. The city is brimming with all you need to make your home glamorous for the holidays—or just for yourself. So now's the time to start your list and your strategy; there can be as much joy in the planning as in the doing. It's all in how you go about it.

■ ABC Carpet & Home

"It's the thrill of the hunt," says Graham Head, president of ABC Carpet & Home, describing how he felt when he found the vast collection of tribal rugs he recently purchased for the store. It's also how you'll feel wading through the rich textures and history of these fabulous rugs.

Being unloaded from cargo crates at this very moment, it's the first time that such an extensive collection of genuine Oriental carpets has been available in the United States. Bought from a 100-year-old, family-owned Armenian business headquartered in London, each one of the rugs was carefully chosen over the course of a century—the transactions probably conducted in tents over cups of tea. More than 4,000 in total, some of the rugs are more than 100 years old, and the lot of them will be distributed throughout the ABC stores. All are one-of-a-kind, authentic and represent a great deal more than a piece of decorating fluff. Each rug tells a tale relative to a particular village