

MICHIGAN AVENUE



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second-home finds

ADD SUNNY STYLE AND SPIRIT TO YOUR PIED-À-TERRE WITH SUMMERY ESSENTIALS FROM THESE CHIC CHICAGO DÉCOR STORES.

BY LISA SKOLNIK

Crosell & Co.

Artisanal furnishings, accessories, and tabletop lines hit every style denominator at this well-stocked shop. Add decorative touches inside and out with sleek Simon Pearce hurricanes, rustic Juliska and Vietri dishes, and fantastical MacKenzie-Childs painted-canvas floor mats with a Mad Hatter vibe.

900 North Michigan Shops, 312-266-4500; crosellandco.com

Elements

Color is the operative word for the impressive elements you'll find here—and the bolder the better. Find it on mod table linens, featherweight cashmere throws, quirky-cool ceramic lamps, and more. Stash ripe, bright summer produce in equally bright crocheted neoprene baskets from Italy.

741 N. Wells St., 312-642-6574; elementschicago.com

Jayson Home

Thanks to an astonishing array of new and vintage furnishings and accessories for home and garden, this emporium has it all. Summery strengths include great pieces for alfresco dining, from burnished wooden bowls to fresh drink dispensers, and a glorious assortment of pots in every shape and size in its garden center.

1885 N. Clybourn Ave., 773-248-8180; jaysonhome.com

Jonathan Adler

As a national arbiter of all things daring, dashing, and mod, Jonathan Adler has brought 20th-century Palm Beach chic into the new millennium with his exuberant furniture and accessories. For an instant pop of that sunny style, go for his patterned melamine dishware and zigzag pillows in bold hues.

676 N. Wabash Ave., 312-274-9920; jonathanadler.com

Material Possessions

The huge selection of furnishings and accessories in virtually every material and style lives up to the promise of the name and beguiles the eye with its splendor and allure. Summer color turns up on dishware, table linens, and pretty polished agate frames, coasters, trays, and bowls.

704 N. Wabash Ave., 312-280-4885; materialpossessions.com

Maze Home

Every twist and turn through this packed-to-the-gills home-décor store turns up something irresistible. Add summer style to your place with brightly colored cotton rugs in kicky graphic patterns, gleaming glass hurricanes in jewel-toned hues, and anything from Selamat's stunning line of outdoor teak and rattan furniture, an exclusive here.

735 Elm St., Winnetka, 847-441-1115; mazehome.com



The Merchandise Mart

The trade-only showrooms of the Merchandise Mart are now accessible to consumers through the Mart's Designer On Call buying program. Choose from hundreds of outdoor furniture and accessory lines in the country's largest design center (SEE SIDEBAR).

222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, 800-677-6278; merchandisemartdesigncenter.com

Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams

Need a cushy, creamy white, slipcovered sofa or easy chair to curl up in and cool off from the summer heat? This North Carolina-based manufacturer is known for its stylish, sturdy, and comfortable upholstered pieces, but also take note of the huge custom pillow program featuring bright Sunbrella fabrics.

1555 N. Halsted St., 312-397-3135; mgbwhome.com

Restoration Hardware

Dazzling is the only way to describe the frothy garden trellises, perfectly coiffed topiaries, romantic lanterns, sleek fire pits, starry outdoor lighting, and handsome all-weather wicker furniture collections here. Calling this assortment of garden-oriented décor all-inclusive is an understatement.

938 W. North Ave., 312-475-9116; restorationhardware.com MA

DESIGNER ON CALL

Merchandise Mart designer Janet Blutter Shiff shares her shopping savvy.



How does the Designer On Call program work? You make an appointment through our website and get a free hour of an interior designer's time. Use it for a home consultation, or have us shop the Mart with you. We charge 20 percent over cost for anything you buy.

What are the best showrooms for outdoor furniture and accessories?

Janus et Cie (Suite 1876) is the leader in the field, followed by Jardin de Ville (Suite 1553) and Ebel (Suite 15-121). These showrooms have the most exquisite and varied collections.

The Janus et Cie showroom at The Merchandise Mart

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