



A set of six bath towels with free monogram from Horchow are spiffy at just under \$50.

GREAT FINDS

Cheap to chic, it's out there

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THERE'S NO MYSTERY when it comes to finding stylish additions to your home decor — the real challenge is finding the time to track down the haute new stuff.

Worry not — *The Commercial Appeal* has put me on the case. (Can you say dream job?) Each week, I'll hit the streets of Memphis, search the Internet and call on home design sources to ferret out the best finds and bring them right to your doorstep.

Great style is all about great design, color and texture. It is also about good value. And let's face it, there is as much terrific stuff at stores like Target as there is at high-end retailers.

From trendy to traditional, you'll find it here.

A Dream of a Midsummer Light

The Find: Tyvek isn't just for wrapping houses anymore, as London-based designer Tord Boontje shows in his line of whimsical lighting. For the uninitiated, Tyvek is spun polyethylene fibers, bonded by heat and pressure, and most commonly used as protective, weatherproof wrapping in new-

home construction or as mailing envelopes — the ones you can never get open. The owners of Garden District discovered the designs of the Dutch-born Boontje while in London — and they've imported his Midsummer Lights for the rest of us to enjoy.

Strong enough to withstand covered outdoor use, two sheets of die-cut Tyvek flowers drape a protective cover over a hanging bulb — a simple design that's simply divine. In white or two-tone combinations. \$80

The Store: Garden District, 5040 Sanderlin (761-3277).

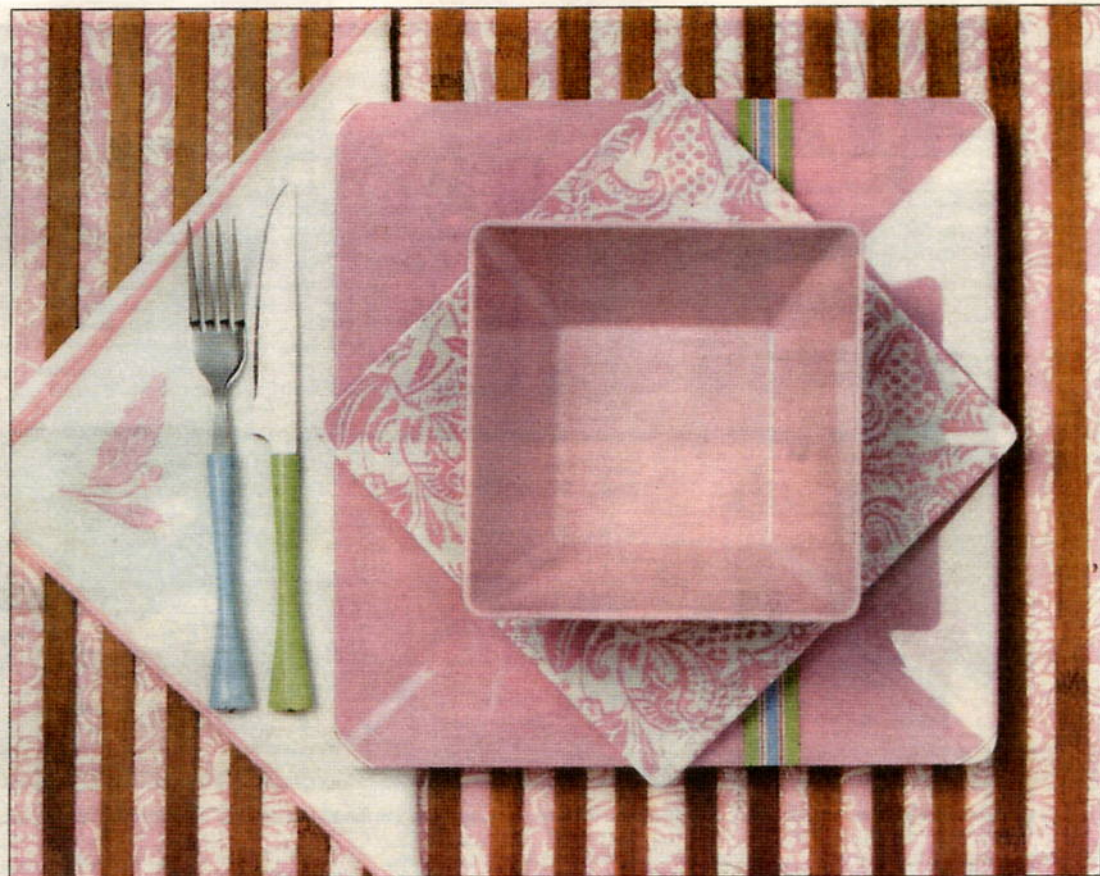
The look: Inside or in a covered outdoor setting, hang in twos or threes to scatter light above a long dining table. Better yet, put the lights on dimmer switches for a fairy-dust glow at night.

Bombe or Bombay?

The Find: A veritable feast of imported French country pieces, including a bombe chest with lined top drawer, \$869. Each piece is handpainted and available in a variety of styles, finishes and embellishments.

The Store: Happi-Stores, 6645 Poplar (758-0034).

The Look: Great for a foyer or entry hall, pair with an interesting mirror for a traditional tableau.



Plastic tableware gets sophisticated, in pink or blue solids, stripes and toile. A setting for four is available at Target for under \$40.



Tyvek goes from useful to beautiful in Midsummer Lights.

Hip to be Square

The Find: Designers Cynthia Rowley and Ilene Rosenzweig strike again, this time with square plastic tableware in pink toile, multicolored stripes and coordinating florals. Preppy pink and green flatware is fun and functional, and the knives are sturdy enough to cut up steaks — I know from experience.

Striped serving trays, plastic wine glasses and drink tumblers, two choices of place

mats and plastic ice cubes round out the collection, which is also available in blue.

Individually priced from \$1.99 to 12.99 and dishwasher safe, you can get a table setting for four for under \$40. Toss those paper plates, save a tree and be stylish.

The Store: Target

The look: No matchmakers here — mix it up with mismatched linen napkins, big flowers in a variety of bright vases, and colorful cocktails.

Wrap It Up, I'll Take It

The Find: Big bath towels, free monogram. In fluffy, pure Egyptian cotton and in your choice of eight colors, single or triple initial monogram. Set of six for \$47.99; matching hand towels, set of six for \$35.99. Enough said!

The Store: Horchow.com (click on Bedding & Bath, then click on Collection towels, look for Egyptian Cotton Loop towel set and click) or (877) 944-9888.

The Look: Reverse monogram and towel colors for two-tone toweling. Or — stack the whole lot in your linen closet and fool your houseguests into thinking you're organized.

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