

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 Hötel Costes sells its sexy rum-scented candle online now. Hallelujah! \$51, 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.

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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 affyans 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

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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.

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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 clubbouse.—JoN WILDE

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 camocovered stools (see left), and the clashing patterns, all delivering intense '80s-dinermeets-Jamaica vibes. These aren't your mom's Overstock.com tiki torches; this is a love poem to an island.—MYLES HENRY







