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OUR NEW YORK EDITOR KEITH FLANAGAN UNCOVERS THE AMERICAN LAUNCHES AND DESIGN NEWS MAKING WAVES OVER HERE TOO

1 LOVELY LINENS

I don't have much occasion for table linens at my NYC apartment (I'm tragically casual), but as the holidays approach, I might change course after seeing the latest collection at Matouk's newly opened uptown showroom. While the Massachusetts-based maker leans classic, its expanded Wave linens go bold with a contemporary edge: a playful and wavy border is finished in bright two-tone embroidery. Set on the table, its edges pop like starbursts, as if you doodled around your plates and cups with bright markers, making it fancy yet totally fun. A larger place mat is new this season – something extra for your Christmas tablescape.



2 IN THE DARK

Black will always have a place in every New Yorker's heart, which makes me all the more excited when home decor takes after fashion by switching into dark mode. At the first NYC edition of Belgium's popular COLLECTIBLE, which bills itself as the world's only fair devoted to contemporary collectible design, it was impossible to miss the all-black Popo chair by California-based designer Ben Willett. The up-and-coming designer counts this as his first dining chair, constructed with stacked MDF and finished in black lacquer. It could punctuate almost any room with a bit of deep contrast, making for an unexpected focal point among popular palettes at the moment.



3 HIP TO BE SQUARE

Brooklyn-founded bath company Quiet Town has released an updated version of its popular Sun Shower curtain, now with a grid pattern. The curtain feels like a clever hack on stained glass; a

warm filter that can refresh any modern bathroom, the tinted curtain (the brand's first printed pattern) was inspired by classic 2x2 bathroom tile placements, which the co-founders Michael and Lisa Fine have in their own Long Island home. The curtain filters light through six nostalgic colourways, and my eye is immediately drawn to warmer varieties like Honey, Butter and Rose that drench the space in tinted light through the squares, much like panes of glass.

4 SECRET SWIVEL

BluDot, the always-modern Minneapolis-based furniture brand, just released a plump Looksee swivel lounge chair in its fall collection that has my head spinning. It features a hidden base that belies its extra functional perk: the chair has an organic shape that hides the swivelling mechanism, making it appear like a static, deep-seated lounge chair. You wouldn't know it rotates 360° until you sit down, a sure surprise for unassuming guests taking it for a spin.