



**DEAD SERIOUS**

LA alchemist Douglas Little's skull plates from D.L. & Co. are part of his line of hauntingly exquisite scents and accessories. \$200 for four, Nasher Sculpture Center stores, 2001 Flora St. and NorthPark.



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**COCKTAIL HOUR**

Break out the Skellington decanter, \$90; shaker, \$70; and set of four double old-fashioned glasses. \$80 at Nest, 6731 Snider Plaza.



Ben Marshall

**MIRROR IMAGE**

Swags and swirls of the high-gloss, baroque-style looking-glass inject flamboyance in an entry or over a mantel. \$350 (plus shipping and handling) at www.horchow.com



**TOUCH OF LACE**

The bit of black lace comes straight from the fashion runway, combined with burgundy dahlias, furry kangaroo paws and eggplant ti leaves. Arrangements start at \$50 at Cymbidium, www.cymbidiumflowers.com



**'GATOR AID**

Station the faux-croc two-tier table beside a petite chair or just inside the front door to catch keys. \$495 at Mecox Gardens, 4532 Cole Ave.

**TRENDS**

# Dark glamour

Crow's feet, skullduggery and gothic gimmicks suit somber times

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It's expected that as the warm months cool their heels, cheery prints, floral patterns and sunny colors get the boot. But this fall's home decor seems particularly moody.

The season's typical hues — deep oranges, purples, olive greens — are being upstaged by weighty black, from high-gloss baroque mirrors to basic table linens. Furthermore, spooky touches such as insects and bird claws are applied to pillows, artwork and tabletop accessories.

If that doesn't drive the trend home, the onslaught of skull motifs puts it in overdrive. Barware, dessert dishes, candles, stationery and other tabletop accents have good bones this fall, thanks partially to skeleton-chic purveyor Douglas Little, based in Los Angeles. Not only are the designer's goth styles carried by several local shops (plus The Joule hotel's new PM Nightlife Lounge, which he recently dressed up), but also at his namesake D.L. & Co. Boutique inside the Nasher Sculpture Center store at NorthPark, which opened just last week.

Looks like spooky decor will haunt homes well past Halloween.



**CANDLELIGHT**

Lee Hale's tiny oxidized-bronze candlesticks hold pencil-slim tapers. \$520 for the pair at Urban Flower/Grange Hall, 4445 Travis St.



**JET BLACK**

Juliska's knobbed-glass urn looks like the mourning jewelry favored by the widowed Queen Victoria. \$495 at Haven, 2416 Victory Park Lane.



**FEATHER THE NEST**

Soften a sofa with a black sheepskin pillow cover, \$39, or silk feather cover, \$29. Both at West Elm, 5307 E. Mockingbird Lane.

**DECORATING**

## Plenty of style

Tracy Reese brings her fashion talents to bedroom design

Fashion designer Tracy Reese is coveted for her chic, feminine clothing collections. Nesters who adore the style will want to strut her new fall bedding line at home as well.

Dubbed Plenty Home by Tracy Reese, the five-pattern collection mostly is inspired by the tastemaker's travels abroad.

The collection includes quilts, duvet covers, 300-thread-count percale sheets, bed skirts and decorative pillows. Prices range from \$248 to \$300 per set, or about \$88 for individual items.

Goa has a bohemian vibe (just like its namesake beachy Indian province) with vivid trellis and chevron designs in marigold, gray and hints of lavender.

The Chinoiserie-inspired Shanghai boasts a bright, flowery pattern with bites of candy-apple red and grass green that's perfect for a girl's room. So, too, is the other feminine, floral Big Blooms, which takes notes from Ms. Reese's spring clothing collection in hues of



**Reversible duvet and comforter** in Goa design from Plenty Home by Tracy Reese.

violet and rose.

Plenty Home is available at Tracy Reese in New York City (212-807-0505); some items also are available at Anthropologie stores and at www.anthropologie.com.

Brittany Edwards

**SHOPPING**

## Who says you can't bottle romance?

Fans of Agraria will be pleased to know that New York decorator Charlotte Moss has teamed with the high-end home fragrance brand from San Francisco.

Ms. Moss' classic Virginia scent is soft and floral with rose, jasmine, orange blossoms and musk in the mix. Left Bank, a new product, is more dramatic, with scents including lemon grass, frankincense and patchouli. It's inspired by the mystery and romance of the chic Parisian neighborhood of the same name.

Agraria's new spin on the design is pleasing, too. AirEssence fragrance diffusers, inspired by the shape of pagodas, look like vintage perfume bottles and



**Agraria Charlotte Moss Collection** (candle, \$55 to \$69; three-candle votive set, \$60 to \$72; AirEssence diffuser, \$106 to \$126) available at Stanley Korshak, 500 Crescent Court; St. Michael's Women's Exchange, 5 Highland Park Village; Needless Necessities, 2926 N. Henderson Ave.; or online at www.agrariahome.com

come with a glass stopper and scalloped porcelain tray. Candles and votive sets feature 18th-century fretwork motifs in platinum

detailing. Finally, someone has bottled timeless sophistication.

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