



corian countertop

There's such snobbery around "real" stone. This man-made material comes in a zillion cool colors, and I like that it isn't trying to look like marble. \$45 TO \$75/SQUARE FOOT (INSTALLED), COUNTERTOPS.DUPONT.COM FOR INFO

10 things that make me happy



"tatu" table

Handwoven by South African artisans, this product collection, designed by Stephen Burks for Artecnic, is a fantastic marriage of traditional craft and contemporary design. Galvanized steel wire \$440 BASEWORLD.COM



wallpaper by trenton doyle hancock

Technically wallpaper but more a work of art. It's limited-edition and wonderfully trippy—and the roll covers a lot of wall. "Flower Bed" \$2,000/10-YARD ROLL, JAMES COHAN GALLERY (212) 714-9500 FOR INFO



plenty home by tracy reese bedding

Finally, one of my favorite fashion designers has brought her unique use of color and texture to the home. Tuffet \$152 TRACY REESE (212) 807-0505



vintage vera scarves

When I was little, my mother and her friends were huge Vera addicts. I thought her designs were the height of suburban sophistication. These scarves are great abstractions that you can easily find in thrift stores!

red velvet cupcakes

My guilty pleasure. I don't, but I could eat them every day. The Harlem bakery that makes these is the Ladurée of the red-velvet world. \$3 MAKEMYCAKE.COM FOR INFO



Who: Thelma Golden

Where: At her office, in New York City

What: Director of the Studio Museum in Harlem, one of the nation's top venues for work by artists of African descent.



old family photographs

Artist Lorna Simpson taught me to look at family photos—both my own and others—as art. Now I collect them avidly. 8"x10" "Perry Street" frame \$80 KATESPADE.COM



"bling" ring by phuze

A brilliant cartoon version of the proverbial "huge rock." I found this in a museum store (the source of so many things wonderful and significant) and was impressed by the maker's facility with glass and color. Faceted glass \$70 CHARLES NOLAN (212) 924-4888

the garden at 5 ninth

During the summer, I treat the back garden of this Manhattan restaurant like it's my own outdoor dining room. 5 NINTH AVE., NYC; 5NINTH.COM FOR INFO

george foreman grill

If you left me stranded with only this device, I could produce a 12-course meal (including grilled peaches for dessert). This deluxe model couldn't be better—you can even adjust the heat. "The Next Grilleration" \$79.99 TARGET.COM FOR STORES

