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CELEBRATING FINE DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

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DESIGNERS' OWN HOMES

PLUS A SLEEK CONTEMPORARY LOFT AND A GRAND MANSION REBORN

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Time for Reflection

Mirrors aren't just for hanging on the walls these days: from lighting to furniture, shiny is where it's at to maximize the dwindling daylight and keep a touch of holiday sparkle year-round.

1 Playing a starring role in the bathroom, the New Hollywood sink chest from Cole and Company recreates '40s glamour with its mirrored finish over hardwood paneling, an off-white marble sink and polished chrome faucet—part of Cole's "bathroom in a box" series. $1,947 COMPLETE, 36 1/2" × 30" × 23 1/4" (HWD). AVAILABLE THROUGH BILLIE BRENNER, BOSTON DESIGN CENTER, SUITE 337, (617) 348-2858

2 Though based on a nineteenth-century practice of hanging a reflective ball to ward away evil spirits, the Mercurial table lamp from designer Bill Sofield is all goodness and light. A thirteen-inch mercury glass globe rests atop an ivory-leather base with a striated shantung silk shade to round out the elegant lighting option. $1,392, 27" × 20.5" × 20.5" (HWD). BAKER KNAPP AND TUBBS, BOSTON DESIGN CENTER, SUITE 300, (617) 439-4876

3 The Monaco six-arm chandelier from Niermann-Weeks evokes the glam Deco feel of its namesake jet-set locale with Venetian silver leaf finish, antiqued mirror panels and bold geometric lines. $8,430, 36" (DIAMETER) × 33". AVAILABLE THROUGH ICON GROUP, BOSTON DESIGN CENTER, SUITE 400, (617) 428-0655

4 The Mondrian armoire of premium alder from Artifacts International wears antique mirror inlays on its front and can be used for clothes or to cloak a TV screen. Shown here in the Calypso finish, one of more than sixty finishes available. $9,163 AS SHOWN, 87" × 54" × 27" (HWD). AVAILABLE THROUGH M-GEOUGH, SUITE 410, BOSTON DESIGN CENTER, (617) 451-1412; WWW.MGEOUGH.COM

5 Mercury glass decorative fruit pieces by Arteriors add a touch of shine in familiar organic shapes. A slender opening in the stem allows for a silk flower as an accent, or pose them as is. $110, 10 1/2" (APPLE) AND 11 1/2" (PEAR). KYUREO, PROVIDENCE, R.I., (401) 437-6677; WWW.KYUREO.COM