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# & Night the City



Weary of red and green, silver and gold, and all those holiday color clichés, style setter **Jason Oliver Nixon** has pronounced that black is the new black. “Bring on the black! Eureka for ebony!” Nixon has been shouting around our offices... (Do us a favor and follow his lead. Please. *Please.*)

## MIRROR, MIRROR

If we could outfit our entire pad in **Martha Stewart Signature** furnishings we would, but then we would be broke and forced to eat cat food or something tragic like that. So since we are not interested in filing for bankruptcy quite yet, we have toned down our aspirations and scraped up enough pennies to purchase a piece—oh, but what a piece!—of Martha’s marvels, the drop-dead Morningside Carved Mirror (\$418). Just look at that dark and lovely glamour, the playful circles... It’s like a delicious pupu platter, only on a wall. Available through *Colony House*, 1700 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 703-524-1700.



## MELLOW BORDELLO

Our “perche d’amour,” a.k.a. our bedroom, needs a new bed, and we don’t want any old piece that looks like it fell out of Colonial Williamsburg. Not that we have anything against Colonial Williamsburg: We love to make paper and chat with folks in period costume, but we just don’t want them coming into our home and messing up our sheets. Anyhow, just this morning we discovered the most fabulous bed frame to round out our disco-in-Vietnam-by-way-of-Paris-and-Les-Bains-Douches sensibility: the divine, espresso-colored **Brocade Home** hand-carved bed (\$1,399 for a full) that looks like it fell out of an impossibly chic bordello in France. Visit *brocadehome.com*.



## ROCK STAR

There was a time when we set our holiday table with long red tapers, and that looked lovely and luxe until we accidentally set the centerpiece on fire and had to douse the table with water and ended up eating KFC takeout. Anyhow, short story long, we recently stumbled upon these delicious black crystal votives from **Anthropologie** (\$38-\$58), and our table now glitters like some rare midnight-hued jewel. And, yes, we still serve KFC, but now we tell our guests that the recipe came from chef Nora Pouillon, and they seem to have bought our little fib, so there you go. *Anthropologie, the Shops at Georgetown Park, 3222 M Street NW, 202-337-1363.*

## GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS

Add some panache to your patio with these wildly decadent, black-green painted mahogany Normandie planter boxes from the dynamic duo at **KeswickRobbins** fine outdoor furniture (\$3,100). We just want to fill our planter with all sorts of gnarled vines and strange fruit trees and such to complete our little midnight in the garden of good and evil, Gothic garden fantasy. Visit *keswickrobbins.com*.

