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## Vintage Glam

The playful furniture in Jayson Home & Garden's new Vintage Glam line is a little bit 1970s, and a little more West Palm Beach. "There's definitely a sense of humor to the line," says Devin Kirk, furniture division manager. "It's a little more provocative than what we're known for."

The store's buyers scour the country for pieces with good bones, and then rescue them from outdated finishes and upholstery.

A bubblegum-pink canopied bergère chair (1) is transformed with avocado velvet and creamy white wood (\$2,799); a burlled walnut table-top (2) gets dressed up with a splayed-petal base (\$1,350); ottomans (3) are

re-covered in unexpectedly zippy zebra prints (\$949).

We also liked a pair of Mies van der Rohe chairs, reborn in a steely gray velvet (\$899), and cocktail party-ready velvet pillows (\$280). 1885 N. Clybourn Ave., 773-248-8180



## Fresh Face

Keep **Lauren Coburn** on your radar. The young designer, who has a degree in interior architecture from the School of the Art Institute, did stints at Stanley Tigerman and Soucie Horner before going it alone almost two years ago.

Now Coburn says she's so busy she's turning away clients. Her popularity is due to both her transparent pricing structure—hourly only, with no markups on furniture or other pieces—and her highly adaptable style. "Right now I'm working on two neighboring homes in Highland Park. One is minimal modern and the other is traditional. They're night and day," she says. 312-337-7127



**Quick Hits:** "A calligraphy character expressed in wood" is how **Thos. Moser** (607 N. State St., 312-867-4900) describes the bench in its new Edo collection; just as graceful are the dining chairs and table, shown at left ... Need "interior solutions"? **Dilemma** (1923 W. Irving Park Rd., 773-454-1416) offers everything from custom furniture to paint advice ... For new and vintage finds, hit newly opened **Design Shoppe** (2009 N. Fremont St., 773-883-6004) ... Inspired by his travels, local designer **Tom Stringer** created a line of rugs and furniture for **TexStyle** (available at Constantine Commercial, 444 N. Wells St., 312-919-1383).

