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An antique rosewood buffet is flanked by new matching shelves designed in bubinga wood, which looks exactly like rosewood. Both shelving units feature hide-away flat screen televisions.

## Silver palette defines this year's Dream Home

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Dreams can be fuzzy - full of wisps of ideas and places, with just one or two moments of clarity. Maybe our brains are unwinding, and want us to notice a few things that are important.

In this year's Dream Home, a design house within the walls of the Merchandise Mart that opens to the public on Friday, April 15, the individual designers seem to have taken a page from our dreams, and use a neutral backdrop of gray and silver to showcase a few important things – works of art, bursts of color and texture.

The result is at once sophisticated and restful. Visitors will leave with a slew of great decorating ideas, some of which can even be accomplished on a budget.

Unusual wall coverings are making a big splash in this year's home. The welcome lobby features wall tile of silvery mother-of-pearl, the foyer walls are clad in leather. In the home office, a deeply textured wallpaper in pale silver gives the illusion of stone.

Many of the rooms are designed for family gatherings. The living room furniture is clad in slipcoverings that are easy to remove and wash. The kitchen's large center island segues into an adjoining table for three (or more).