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—KYLIE EGGE, CHICAGO INTERIOR DESIGNER AND UPHOLSTERER, RECOVERED INTERIOR



④ HOTEL TO HOME

A hot trend for homes? Getting inspired by Chicago’s best new hotels. In fact, ever since the Elysian opened, Chicago home owners have sought the secrets of its designer, **Simeone Deary Design Group**. One example? People are loving the sparse yet sophisticated Elysian’s lobby (shown above). “The clean palette of the floor and walls sets off the chair,” says Lisa Simeone. “However, the supporting piece of artwork with hints of rose ties it together.”



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POSH PODS

If we’re following in the footsteps of **FLOR**, a little asymmetry is allowed in 2011. Need evidence? Lush tiles like these 19.7-inch Posh Croc squares (\$14.99 per tile) create textured flooring with patterns meant to align just a little *off*.



⑨ ITALIAN IMPORTS

WPA Chicago (formerly Arlinea) expands its showroom to include furniture and lighting in addition to its super-swanky kitchens. WPA is the exclusive carrier of The Poltrona Frau Group, and we’re dying over this PF Vanity Fair Chair (\$6,000) that’s available in the expanded showroom.



⑤ DESIGN’S “IT” GIRL

We asked Chicago’s buzziest new designer, **Summer Thornton**, to predict the hottest colors for 2011. “Pistachio green and chartreuse are going to be hot together,” she says. “It’s a mix of quirky greens that are bold and energetic. By traditional standards, they clash... But when done right, they pop!”

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NEW LOOK BOOK

With a recently opened Chicago showroom, The Rug Company launches **Collect**, a magazine of coffee-table proportions with pages featuring top design writers, photographers and innovation of all forms.



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TAP (FOR) WATER

If Twitter taught us anything in 2010, it’s that “interactive” is here to stay. Interactive homes? Debuting in March 2011, **Dream20**, the Delta Faucet Company/Brizo showroom, is all about cutting-edge kitchens and baths. Thanks to technologies like SmartTouch, all it takes is just a tap to test the waters, literally.

⑩ SMALL SPACES, BIG DRAMA

2010 AIA Chicago Design Excellence Awards recipient **Gary Lee Partners** and design principal David Grout predict that drama in small spaces like powder rooms will be the 2011 statement piece of homes.



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NEW AT THE MART

Thanks to the Mart’s new **Designer-On-Call** program, regular people can now shop the Mart’s Design Center. The catch? You need a guide. Simply make an appointment with one of 30 participating designers to purchase from the fabulous 150 showrooms and 2,500 product lines. Mon.-Fri. 10AM to 5PM.