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## THINGS WE LOVE

From carved leather vessels to vertical moss gardens and colorful kitchen appliances, WA&A editors select their favorite *objets d'art*

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### FIFTH x ROCKDEEP M.1 Trail Shoe by Dewayne Dale Jr.

Diné (Navajo) shoe designer Dewayne Dale Jr. — from the Red Running into Water Clan, born for the Water's Edge Clan — credits this family history for informing



his creativity. The colors, textures, and designs he grew up around in Shiprock, New Mexico, and his Navajo heritage were the inspiration behind this lifestyle shoe. Made in collaboration with the owner of ROCKDEEP, Rocky Parrish, Dale hopes this unique shoe will inspire future generations to celebrate their culture and express their imagination.

**\$135**  
[rockdeep.com](http://rockdeep.com)

### Pro Line Appliances from Big Chill

The Pro Line of kitchen appliances by Big Chill combines contemporary designs with professional performance. We love the crisp lines, chrome trim, and bold colors that elevate the ordinary appliance into something expressive. With the popularity of white kitchens, these bright colors add personality. These days, blue is trending in kitchen design, and Big Chill offers choices that include a subdued Slate, deep Cobalt, and lively French Blue (pictured here). Bottle Green, Khaki Grey, and Traffic Orange are among the 200 other hues available for any of the company's appliances. And Big Chill offers a line of vibrant refrigerators, ranges, dishwashers, and range hoods for a colorful and cohesive look in the kitchen.



**Pro Fridge:**  
Starting at \$3,995  
**Pro Range:**  
Starting at \$4,195  
**Pro Hood:**  
Starting at \$1,695  
[bigchill.com](http://bigchill.com)

### Vino to Go from Cereza Oilcloth Studio

Artist Sherrie Posternak creates products from the finest Mexican oilcloth. She transformed her love of Latin cultures and the Spanish language into her company, Cereza Oilcloth Studio, which sells handcrafted oilcloth products made by artisans and professional sewists in Mexico. This handmade and insulated wine bottle tote (which includes a cork-screw in the outside pocket) is durable, washable, and comes in a variety of lively and eye-catching patterns. Pair the wine tote with a matching tablecloth, and you're sure to be a hit at the Sunday picnic.



**\$38 | Vino to Go | 7.5 x 15 inches**  
**\$77 | Tablecloth | 80-inch circumference**  
[cerezastudio.com](http://cerezastudio.com)

### Wildflower Meadow Linen Napkins from Blue Summer House

Blue Summer House was founded by Anya Koutlysheva, who turned her love for natural linen textiles into a business. Using the finest quality stonewashed linens from Europe, she fashions them into textile home goods, including these watercolor-inspired Wildflower Meadow Napkins. Linen, made from the stem of the beautiful blue-flowered flax plant, gets its name from the Latin word for the plant *linum usitatissimum*. It's been used throughout centuries for clothing because of its strong tensile strength. The linen that Koutlysheva uses



for her napkins is certified in Europe by OEKO-TEX standards, meaning it's completely free from harmful chemicals. We love that these luxuriously soft linen products are suitable for special occasions and everyday use.

**Set of two: \$34**  
**18 x 18 inches**  
[bluesummerhouse.com](http://bluesummerhouse.com)

### Indoor Vertical Garden from Benetti Home

Benetti Home is a leading Italian company specializing in maintenance-free indoor vertical gardens. Creating a space inspired by nature is easy with 100-percent natural and preserved lichen that's fitted onto an aluminum substrate. The company's best-selling product, a type of moss, is harvested without damage to the environment. When installed, the moss does not attract dust, thanks to the absence of an electrostatic charge. Unwelcoming to insects, we like that it's certified for its fire-retardant properties and is also sound-absorbing. For the best results, Benetti recommends that the humidity level in the room stays between 30 to 90 percent.

**Starting at \$35 per square foot**  
[benettihome.it](http://benettihome.it)

### Cascade Chandelier by Laura Elizabeth Glass

Laura Elizabeth Smith was born and raised on the island of Bermuda, a place that has influenced her art. Her glass creations often include a water theme and feel as though they've been softened by the crashing sand and sea. Smith sandblasts and textures each piece with metal patinas to evoke this quality. She describes her Cascade Chandelier as creating "a dreamlike atmosphere with staggered pendants that evoke the first drops of a warm rainfall." The globes of the chandelier range from pure transparent glass to deep matte aquatic blues that are layered with precious metals, such as copper, silver, or gold. Each chandelier can be designed to suit one's individual desires.



**Starting at \$14,000**  
**78.75 x 19.69 inches**  
[lauraelizabethglass.com](http://lauraelizabethglass.com)





### Leather Door by Quiet Woman Cattle Company

It's rare to find a door as unique as this one, created on commission by Jeff Myers of Quiet Woman Cattle Company. Specializing in architectural leather designs, Myers utilized more than 43 hides to construct a panel that completely covers the door. As

a leader in architectural leather works, Myers also designs and builds handrails, drawer pulls, handles, and furniture. Custom architectural leather products are on the rise, Myers says, noting the frequent requests he receives from architects and interior designers.

Starting at \$15,000  
 9 feet x 9 feet, 6 inches  
[quietwomancattlecompany.com](http://quietwomancattlecompany.com)

### Carved Leather Vase by J.L. Blair Saddlery

As a master saddlemaker who's received many honors, John Blair was a participant in the 2020 Made in America Product Showcase at the White House. He's also a frequent exhibitor at the Western Design Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where he's been honored as Best Artist in Leather and received an Exhibitor's Choice Award. While making saddles has been his profession for more than 40 years, Blair also creates exquisite leatherworks for personal use and home décor. We love this one-of-a-kind hand-carved vase with *conchos* by silversmith Ernie Marsh. Blair says this vase required a special mold and the creation of new tools, and it has inspired him to design additional pieces in this style.



\$9,285  
 10.5 x 12 inches  
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