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7 The fireplace at the Dupont House in Woodbridge, CT, that Josef Albers created from everyday firebricks manifests one of his guiding principles: 'Easy to know that diamonds are precious, good to learn that rubies have depth, but more to see that pebbles are miraculous.' Those wanting to emulate it or the one at nearby Irving Rouse House can purchase copies of his plans for \$10,000 approx from the Josef & Anni Albers Foundation. Ring 001 203 393 4089, or visit [albersfoundation.org](http://albersfoundation.org).



8 Jonathan van Dyke cites the texture of the cooling towers at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant near his childhood home as the inspiration for his limited-edition waxed-plaster cups (from \$110 each). That, and his high-school art teacher, from whom he acquired his taste for coffee. Ring Artware Editions on 001 212 463 7490, or visit [artwareeditions.com](http://artwareeditions.com).



9 When Courtney Loadholt and Pearce Williams from Of the Young and the Restless ask if you'd go for new money or old, they're not testing your class allegiances - rather, if you prefer the brown or grey of their 'Woodgrain' fabric (from \$165 per m). Ring 001 843 416 2189, or visit [oftheyoungandtherestless.com](http://oftheyoungandtherestless.com).



10 Like a soldier serving the officers for whom such furniture was designed, Richard Wrightman would dismantle and rebuild his father's campaign chair every time his family resettled in a different continent. He so admired the ingenuity of its design that when he grew up he created his own range of collapsible furniture. This 'Greydon' bed costs from \$8,452 and the 'Chatwin' chair from \$1,977. Ring 001 718 707 0217, or visit [richardwrightman.com](http://richardwrightman.com). ▷

