

Welcome Mat

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Cheery canary candleholders from CB2

I just finished browsing through the CB2 Spring 2011 catalog and everything looks so new and fresh! Titled "Rapid Eye Movements: First Look 2011," the 80-page book is filled with modern, original products and décor ideas, most affordably priced (along the lines of its sister store, Crate & Barrel). For example, what could be a cheerier harbinger of spring – or a warmer way to get through winter – than these bright yellow canary tea-light holders available at www.cb2.com? At \$7.95 each (tea light candles are extra), you could get several birds to flock together and brighten up these long winter nights.



CB2

Garden workshops

Starting Saturday with "Green Plants in the Home" at 1 p.m., and a "Make It & Take It" seasonal basket workshop at 2:30 p.m., English Gardens will host free presentations and fee-based workshops at stores during January and February. Other sessions focus on creating an outdoor room, arranging fresh flowers, attracting birds and wildlife, and learning about orchids. Check www.English-Gardens.com or contact an English Gardens store.



English Gardens

Kids can learn how to make a bird feeder from an orange at a "Make It & Take It" workshop.



Arhaus Furniture

Arhaus 'Evolution' is earth-friendly

Heading into 2011, Arhaus Furniture is highlighting "Evolution," an eclectic mix of recycled woods with European design inspirations – earth-friendly and fashionable at the same time. The bedroom vignette, pictured, features the Aubrey chaise, an Old Hollywood-inspired settee wrapped in nubby organic cotton. The frame is constructed of timber from sustainable sources, while the seating coil system is recycled steel. Aubrey is paired with the new Hawthorne bed, dresser and nightstand made of a combination of distressed Parawood and Acacia. The rustic feeling is enhanced by planking and worm holes that look natural but are hand-crafted by artisans. Call Arhaus at the Somerset Collection in Troy (248) 643-1960 for more information.

Personalized wind chimes

If you want a different kind of sympathy, memorial or remembrance gift, try a personalized, precision-tuned wind chime that uses the first six notes of "Amazing Grace" as its source scale. Made by Woodstock Chimes and available through Bloomfield Hills-based Big Hug, the high-quality chimes, about \$55, feature six silver tubes and a North American hardwood base with cherry finish. Personalization may include an icon like a dove, cross, butterfly, heart or cottage; engraving is done in Troy. Check www.bighugllc.com/shop/wind-chimes-personalized/amazing-grace-wind-chime-personalized-best-seller. Allow at least two to three business days for personalization.



Woodstock Chimes

Simply Vera pillow power



Kohl's

This season, the Simply Vera Vera Wang Home Collection offers a range of

chic bedding and bedroom accessories designed to update bedroom decor for the new year. Available exclusively at Kohl's and Kohls.com, the collection provides the design style of Vera Wang at an affordable price. Items include decorative pillows such as this floral embellished square from the City Lights Bedding Collection (pictured, \$49.99, on sale now for \$34.99); various down and alternative down pillows, and stylish textured coverlets for an extra layer of warmth.

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The Marlene table lamp from Crate & Barrel adds not only light, but elegance in a foyer. **Story, 8H**