

# Home Shopping Network

LuxeHome offers up hot home furnishings from funky to functional.

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Porcelanosa's Line Crema wall tiles



Porsche Design kitchen



Clive Christian

**FORGET SPRING CLEANING.** 2010 is all about renovation, so we're skipping off to LuxeHome, a sprawling home retail center located on the first floor of the Merchandise Mart. Spend a day poring over their newest collection—here's how:

Start at **Porcelanosa** (Suite 149 on the northwest end; porcelanosa.com), a gorgeous tile, kitchen and bath store new to the Mart. Modern, traditional and European designs intermingle in the 8,000-square-foot space. We're eyeing their latest offerings, including the chic Neox Faucet (starting at \$768) and the sophisticated Line Crema wall tiles (starting at \$9.50 per sq. ft.), whose glossy finish mimics the look of glass and instantly boosts a room's brightness. Next, move over to **Neff of Chicago** (Suites 144 and 134; neff-of-chicago.com). Known for detailed cabinetry and gorgeous kitchens, Neff recently entered the custom-closet arena (its stunning window display in the Mart opened last year). Its line of Valet wardrobes are perfect for anyone who's ever run out of shoe space, and the stitched leather hangers, cascading wooden trouser rails and glass doors make hanging your clothes feel indulgent. Closets start at \$15,000 and can run to \$100,000-plus. Your next stop is Nancy Epstein's fashion-forward **Artistic Tile** (Suite 105A), which carries a bounty of decorative stone, glass and marble tile, and even showcases tile-clad mannequins in their windows. Around the corner, you'll find **Clive Christian** (Suite 143). Known for crafting the "Rolls-Royce of kitchens," the store also specializes in statement-making furniture. Just down the hall is the **Porsche Design P'7340 Kichen** at **Poggenpohl** (Suite 138), outfitted with a flat-screen TV and sleek cabinets with doors inspired by the famous cars. Finally, move onto Chicago-based **de Giulio Kitchen Design** (Suite 121), one of the only places you can find famed designer Mick De Giulio's kitchens outside his Wilmette outpost. *For more information, visit luxehome.com.*



Artistic Tile



Neff of Chicago's leather closet



A de Giulio kitchen



## China, Girls

File under "finally": Crate & Barrel has added fine bone china to its stores, making it a one-stop-shop for bridal registries. Three contemporary patterns, developed in collaboration with world-renowned brand Nikko, are the Kensington, Tuxedo and Regent (\$79.95-\$89.95 per place setting). 646 N. Michigan Ave., 312-787-5900; crateandbarrel.com

## GO WEST

Downtownies no longer have to drive to Oak Brook for their West Elm fix. The popular home chain, known for its chic and affordable furniture, has opened its first city outpost. Look for nods to its Chicago customer—the condo dweller, natch—like scaled-down furniture designed to fit in cozy urban dwellings. 1000 W. North Ave., 312-867-1770; westelm.com

