



Etcetera



ACCESSORIES

Pillows with pedigree

Maharam has introduced a series of pillows featuring archival patterns by such design luminaries as Charles and Ray Eames, Arne Jacobsen, Verner Panton and Alexander Girard, who designed this one, Quatrefoil, in 1954. Filled with goose down, each is \$135. Available at the Museum of Modern Art's Design Stores in midtown Manhattan and Soho. Or order by calling 800-447-6662 or visiting momastore.org.



COUNTERTOPS

Science meets nature

Made in Italy, Okite is a quartz-based stone surfacing material that made its American debut at the April Kitchen & Bath Industry Show in Orlando. Okite looks like stone, but unlike marble, quartz or granite, does not require special care or maintenance and is virtually stain-proof. Okite retails for about \$10 to \$20 per square foot — about the same price as high-end granite — at TFI East (tficorp.com) in Lakewood, N.J.



GADGETS

A good squeeze

Those citrus-y summertime cocktails just wouldn't taste right with juice from a bottle. That's why Williams-Sonoma's citrus presses (\$15 each) are a handy accompaniment for the summertime bar. They extract every bit of lemon or lime juice while separating out seeds, pulp and bits of peel. Made of coated cast aluminum, they won't rust or react with juices. Williams-Sonoma stores are in White Plains and West Nyack. Order online at williams-sonoma.com or by calling 800-451-2233.



FUNCTIONAL ART

Furnishings with feeling

Eric David Laxman has been sculpting since he graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Art in Boston in 1989. His foray into furniture began after a visit to the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in Manhattan in 1988. It's no surprise his one-of-a-kind furniture has a sculptural feel. Laxman sells his furniture, like this triangle chair of welded steel (\$975), directly from his Valley Cottage workshop. Call 845-353-8521. To see more of his work, visit www.anahata.com.



COOKWARE

A better pasta pot

There's the TV pasta pot and this one from Circulon 2. This cooker boasts a nonstick system guaranteed to outlast all other nonstick cookware. It's also generously sized (5½ quarts), so it can be used for cooking everything from rice and pasta to vegetables and stews. The lid locks for safe draining. Find it for around \$75 at Linens 'n Things, Fortunoff and Macy's.