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As we roll into the dog days of summer, these new finds will add the perfect “cool factor” to your home BY TORI MELLOTT



Jim Thompson

Captivating Colors

“Forbidden Colours,” the newest collection from Jim Thompson Fabrics (jimthompsonfabrics.com), is a lively lineup that melds vibrant hues and zippy patterns with silks, cottons, linens, and velvets—as shown on these pillows. But why the name Forbidden? By the time American Jim Thompson had established his silk company in Thailand in the 1950s, the once-rigid palace laws dictating Siamese court dress were obsolete. But before these rules relaxed, the finest of fabrics, like silk and velvet, were reserved strictly for the nobility—with special colors and patterns available only to those of the highest status. Now nothing is forbidden when it comes to your textile choices—for pillows and more.



Santa Barbara Umbrella

If you're suddenly nostalgic for Campari and a pair of Gucci loafers, it's probably because this “Double Decker” number with its scalloped-valance canopy from Santa Barbara Umbrella (sbumbrella.com) looks as if it was plucked from a beach on the Amalfi

Coast. Founded in 1981, the company took its design cues from the eye-catching umbrellas seen in the open-air markets of the Mediterranean. Since that time, they've been producing unique, handcrafted designs in their Southern California facility, which definitely makes them sun-kissed!



| All Across Africa

When a company's tagline is “Buy a basket. Change a life,” you know someone is up to something good. Not only are these handwoven baskets beautiful to look at and functional to boot, they also provide jobs, income, and a sense of pride for people in all parts of rural Africa. All Across Africa (allacrossafrica.org) finds artisans and invests in them. From education to access to health care to ensuring proper nutrition, All Across Africa is making the world a better and more beautiful place.