

# WHAT CHICAGO'S DESIGNERS ARE USING TODAY

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"Faucets and fixtures are the jewelry of the home," says Suzanne Lovell of Suzanne Lovell, Inc. in Chicago. So, when it comes to bathroom design, she pulls out all the stops.

For the consummate bath experience, Suzanne recommends installing the Boulevard fittings from Waterworks. Available in silver and architectural bronze finishes, the Boulevard's crisp, curvaceous design exudes extravagance and glamour. "Because the Boulevard line shines like fine silver, it has a strong silhouette that says sophisticated elegance," explains Suzanne.

Although decorative screens have graced homes for centuries, this fall they are being used not only as luxurious decorations but also as functional pieces of art. Made of fine fabrics and wallpaper mounted on panels of various sizes, screens unobtrusively subdivide a space and can camouflage a room's design flaws.

"Today, many materials are being used to make fabulous decorative screens ranging from hand-painted Chinese wallpaper, bold print fabric, and luxurious cashmere to Art Deco-feeling mirrored panels," remarks Shelley Johnstone of Shelley Johnstone Design in Lake Forest.

Shelley customizes screens for clients with exquisite wallpapers from Stark Wallcovering. Hand-painted on silk, Stark's mural designs are inspired by historic Chinese paintings and landscape scenes dating from the Tang Dynasty to the late 17th century. Reproduced 18th century French woodblock-printed motifs

are also available. Canvas hinges linking the panels create the illusion that the screen scene is continuous.



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As the seasons change, so do the centers of activity in the home. In fall, the dining room becomes busy again with friends and family gathering to share special feasts.

"Decorative serving pieces not only beautifully set your table, but establish a festive mood. An elegant soup tureen from the Chelsea House collection performs a practical purpose as well as adorns your interior space with exquisite art year-round," says designer Marilyn Akins of Akins & Associates, Inc. in Hinsdale.

Chelsea House, Inc. tureens are authentic, porcelain reproductions of 18th and 19th century pieces that once graced the dining tables of English aristocrats and royalty. The original pieces in the famed Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens are displayed at Delaware's Winterthur Estate founded by Henry Francis du Pont. Chelsea House craftsmen painstakingly recreate the spirited rococo designs by hand-painting intricate scrolls and naturalistic flourishes of flora and fauna.

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