



The Inspiration

This is the famous staircase designed by Victor Horta in 1893 for Emile Tassel's Brussels townhouse. Horta's design of "Hôtel Tassel" is often credited as the first expression of architectural art nouveau – a style characterized by fluid, feminine lines and traditional elements mixed with arts-and-crafts common sense – and plenty of intricate iron and glass work.

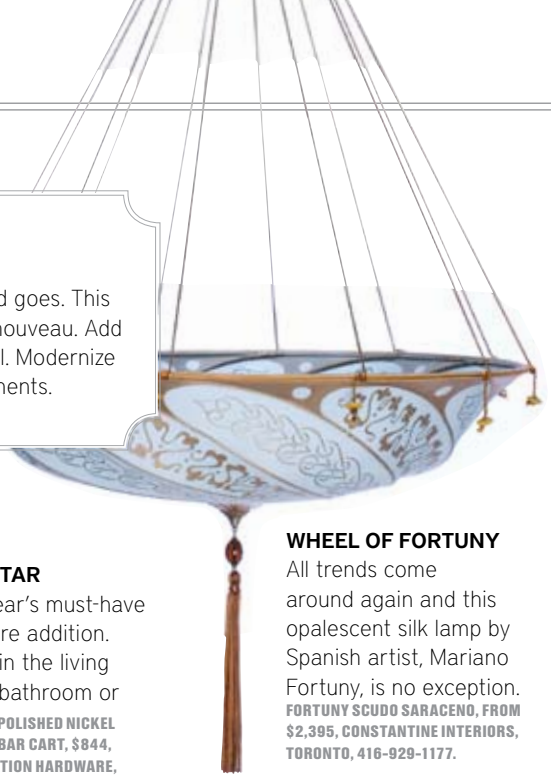
4. Old Hollywood Glam

Forties-style screen-siren glam comes and goes. This time around, it's injected with a little art nouveau. Add a luxe touch with velvet, gold and rich teal. Modernize it by tempering the glitz with organic elements.



BAR STAR

This year's must-have furniture addition. Use it in the living room, bathroom or entry. **POLISHED NICKEL DUNCAN BAR CART, \$844, RESTORATION HARDWARE, RESTORATIONHARDWARE.COM.**



WHEEL OF FORTUNY

All trends come around again and this opalescent silk lamp by Spanish artist, Mariano Fortuny, is no exception. **FORTUNY SCUDO SARACENO, FROM \$2,395, CONSTANTINE INTERIORS, TORONTO, 416-929-1177.**



VOGUE REPOSE

This curvaceous loveseat has us swooning. Made with a hardwood frame, biodegradable latex rubber and organic cotton batting. **SENNA LOVESEAT, WATER COLLECTION, \$4,118, PURE DESIGN INC., PUREBYAMIMCKAY.COM.**



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Hippie chic has evolved, but hasn't forgotten its bohemian roots.

SOFT SEAT

Add instant texture with a palm leaf cushion. **ANGELSBO FLOOR CUSHION, \$50, IKEA, IKEA.CA.**



BRAID PARADE

Seagrass gets even chunkier this year. **MERIDA MERIDIAN 100% JUTE IN SEASHELL, BENGAL COLLECTION, Y & CO., YCOCARPET.COM; MERIDAMERIDIAN.COM.**



5. Natural Textures

Organic, fair-trade and sustainably harvested pieces are more than trends – they're becoming part of our lifestyle. What they contribute to the mix is a prominence of rough-hewn, natural textures. Adding one wicker, rush or natural-fibre piece makes a room more inviting.



IN THE CANE

The contrasting mix of leather and caning makes a unique sofa.

BLAKE LEATHER SOFA, ABOUT \$1,519, CRATE & BARREL, CRATEANDBARREL.COM.

TIER DROP

A natural shade adds a rich warmth. **JENSON BRASS WALL LAMP WITH LINEN SHADE, \$489, NEST INTERIORS, NESTHOME.CA.**

