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## Style & Substance

Rooms with Personality  
An Artful Townhouse  
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Ultra Chic in Mexico

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# spring colors



## 1 Shock Value

Boldness and theatrical grandeur were the hallmarks of Dorothy Draper, the society decorator whose striking interiors still look fresh today. She's the subject of a new monograph, *In the Pink* (Pointed Leaf Press, \$95), and her most celebrated projects, including the restaurant for New York's Metropolitan Museum, 1954, above, are surveyed in a show from May 2 to August 27 at the Museum of the City of New York. At 1220 Fifth Ave. Call 212-534-1672; mcny.org.

## 2 Graphic Nature

His obsession with flowers led Austria's 18th-century emperor Francis I to commission luscious, life-size botanical illustrations, which are stunningly reproduced in *Florilegium Imperiale* (Prestel, \$165). *The World of Ornament* (Taschen, \$200) is a sumptuous reprint of a late-19th-century compilation of patterns ranging from antiquity to Victorian florals.

## 3 Seeing Redd

Napa Valley's prettiest new dining room is the 90-seat Redd in Yountville. Asfour Guzy, a New York architectural firm, has created a polished, woodsy setting for chef Richard Reddington's haute comfort food (lobster risotto, pork belly with fennel puree). At 6480 Washington St.; call 707-944-2222.

## 4 Asian Influences

Buddakan, Philadelphia's white-hot Asian spot, has opened a branch in Manhattan's Chelsea Market. Christian Liaigre's eccentric setting (Louis XVI meets Buddha) is the perfect backdrop for gentrified dim sum and Peking duck. At 75 Ninth Ave. Call 212-989-6699; buddakannyc.com.

