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How Smashing!

Make this New Year's Eve a hit. Nicholas Andersen and Julie Ho, two New York stylists sought after for their work on fashion and music-video sets, have created a collection of **ultraglam piñatas** using materials such as Mylar, silk and tissue paper. Offered in colours from pastel pink to glitzy gold and silver, they come in fun faceted shapes and are filled with the duo's own handmade confetti. A hinged door also lets you add your own favours, such as flowers or photographs — a thoughtful feature that's hard to beat. *Quartz piñata in Gold and Silver, 20"*. Approx. \$160. Through Confetti System.

ECO CHIC



Personalize these eco-friendly speakers!

STYLE IDEA

Letter Perfect

For dinner parties, Montreal stylist Nicola Marc fashions pretty placecards from simple office supply tags. Here's how:

1. Use a paint pen to monogram round metal-rim tags with the first letter of a guest's name.
2. Loop ribbon through the tags, then tie them around colourful cups or bud vases filled with posies and place them at each setting.
3. Once guests find their spot, move cups to the middle of the table to become a centrepiece.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Perfect for a guest bedroom, **recycled-cardboard speakers** are a crafty alternative to the sleek look of most tech and have the added appeal of being customizable. Dress up blank speakers with ribbon, paint, pen, a sprig of berries or whatever strikes your fancy. Whether you go baroque or keep it simple, the final look is pretty for pennies. (They're only \$20 a pair!) To power them up, simply plug the speakers into an MP3 player — being able to play their own tunes will help guests feel instantly at home.

OrigAudio Fold and Play Recycled speakers. At Grassroots Environmental Products.

3 OF A KIND

GAME ON

Stylish takes on classic board games give old-fashioned fun fresh appeal.



BACKGAMMON

Designer Jonathan Adler's colourful needlepoint version looks sharp in a mod living room. \$295. Through Jonathan Adler.



BACKGAMMON + CHESS

Linen pouches, leather dice cups and a wood board and pieces make this set perfect in a panelled library. \$239. At Restoration Hardware.



BOB

This popular Danish game has been updated by Normann Copenhagen as a trim pine and birch board fit for hip Canadian homes. \$739. At Mjök.

INTERVIEW



HIS WORK

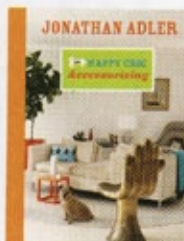
Foxy sculpture

A fresh addition to Adler's iconic stoneware menagerie.



Colourful accent

Adler's mod love pillow puts an edgy spin on traditional needlepoint.



Happy Chic

Adler wants to "quash the world's fear of decorating" with his new books.

Jonathan's Top 10 Picks

- Shoes:** Adidas Rod Laver sneakers.
- Hotel:** La Scalinatella in Capri, Italy.
- Handbag:** Hunter's tote bag in Camouflage, L.L.Bean.
- Room accessory:** A ping-pong table.
- Book:** *Beautiful People* by Simon Doonan, Simon & Schuster, 2009.
- Towels:** "Hermès towels in the city and Pucci towels at my beach house."
- Designers:** "My holy trinity is Bonnie Cashin, Alexander Girard and Björn Wiinblad. Their work is an expression of joy and optimism."
- Floral arrangement:** "I've never said no to a vase of fuchsia peonies."
- Food:** "Comfort foods: roasted chicken or apple pie."
- Drink:** "Iced tea with milk is delish. I'm trying to get it named after me!"

Jonathan Adler

A potter at heart, this multitasking New Yorker gets his hands dirty in all aspects of design. *By* CATHERINE MACINTOSH



One suspects designer Jonathan Adler has a great sense of humour just by looking at his cheeky designs. Reading the not-so-fine print on his website confirms it. Take his latest bio entry: "Tapped to design a real-life Malibu Dream House to celebrate Barbie's 50th. Can finally make amends for decapitating sister's Barbie in 1974." It's the same gleeful irreverence that put canisters labelled "Prozac" and zebra-shaped rugs decorated with the Union Jack in fashionable homes.

This is Adler's stylish sleight of hand: he's able to integrate lightheartedness into serious design ideas. His Deco-inspired animal sculptures come to mind first, but he has a large body of other work to prove it, including housewares, accessories, textiles, furniture, lighting and stationery. "I believe design should come with a dose of levity," he says. "Things can be beautiful and high-minded while still being happy."

Happiness is not only a state of being for Adler but an approach to business. His Happy Chic brand makes design approachable and fun. And he has just released two new books, *Accessorizing* and *Colors* (Sterling, 2010), that strive to bring his joyful ethos to the masses.

Adler fell in love with pottery as a child, and his works now include elegant sculptures and collector's pieces. He became a household name after opening eponymous retail stores in Miami, Chicago, San Francisco and New York. And he appeared as a judge on Bravo's *Top Design*. But what Adler values most is time at home with his husband, Simon Doonan, creative director for Barneys New York, and their beloved Norwich terrier, Liberace.

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HIS FAVES

Killer shoes

"They keep coming out with ever-niftier colours." Rod Laver sneakers, Adidas.

Dream getaway

"La Scalinatella Hotel in Capri, Italy, is heaven. I could live there."



Cool tote

"I love that this is dirt cheap. Camo is always chic!" Tote, L.L.Bean.

Game night

"Every home needs a ping-pong table!"



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Browse a gallery of Jonathan's designs online.

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