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Get Cracking

Cue the Tchaikovsky: This winter at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, two *Nutcrackers* are better than one. American Ballet Theatre's glittering new production pairs choreography by Alexei Ratmansky with striking sets by Richard Hudson, left, while Mark Morris's retro spin, *The Hard Nut*, makes a boisterous return (bam.org). And don't forget Balanchine's 1954 classic by the New York City Ballet (nycballet.com).



At First Blush

Dutch designer Marcel Wanders has put his stamp on everything from sculptural furnishings to the astonishing interiors of Miami's Mondrian hotel. His new collaboration with M-A-C Cosmetics brings him face-to-face with beauty. Wanders's shapely designs for a limited-edition makeup collection include lipsticks, perfume, a geometric powder case, and a handsome brush clutch. The elegant boxed set is the "it" gift for the glamour girl on your list (maccosmetics.com).



What We LOVE

The Zebras umbrella by Scalamandré takes the company's iconic wallpaper pattern to the streets. The tomato-red hunting scene—a favorite of designers and socialites—was commissioned in the 1940s by the Manhattan restaurant Gino's, where it enlivened the walls for six decades. A whimsical antidote to the season's unpredictable weather, the umbrella, \$95, comes in a folding version as well as in a golf size (800-932-4361; scalamandre.com).



COLOR THEORY

Think bright orange paint and owl ornaments. Mod decorator and creative ceramicist Jonathan Adler shares the secrets of his effervescent style in a new series of books appropriately titled *Happy Chic* (Sterling Innovation, \$18 each). The first two volumes showcase his love of bold colors and his witty use of accessories.

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY

NOTHING SAYS HOLIDAY CHEER LIKE A WELCOMING TREAT. FIVE STYLE-MINDED REVELERS SHARE THEIR SERVING SUGGESTIONS

- **SERENA BASS**, New York's A-list caterer, always has a trusted hors d'oeuvre at the ready: "I make and freeze logs of parmesan shortbread in November," she says. "When people drop by, I pop some slices in the oven and top them with sundried tomatoes." (For the recipe, go to elledecor.com/holidayfaves.)
- "My never-fail crowd favorite is a sinful seven-layer caramel cake," says designer **BUNNY WILLIAMS**, who sources hers, below, from Caroline's Cakes in Maryland (carolinescakes.com). "With a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a dollop of whipped cream, it's pure heaven."

- **MURRAY MOSS**, the man behind the design mecca Moss, keeps guests' glasses full: "We have at least one case of a nice Barbaresco always on hand," he says. "It's a lot less work than making canapés."
- Handbag maven **KATE SPADE** loves the melt-in-your-mouth milk chocolate truffles from André's Confiserie Suisse in Kansas City, Missouri (andreschocolates.com): "I grew up going there, and the candy counter was very special to me. I send them as gifts, and people rave about them."
- Cookbook author **GAIL MONAGHAN** serves up truffled almonds—toasted and tossed in truffle oil and truffle salt—to much fanfare. "They are fabulous and beyond simple," she says. "With a glass of Champagne, they feel elegant—yet it's just a bowl of nuts." (For the recipe, go to elledecor.com/holidayfaves.)





1 JAMES RIXNER FOR JOSIE NATORI: RUGS FROM PATTERSON, FLYNN & MARTIN. VENETIAN PLASTER BY TARGET NEW YORK CONTRACTING. DECORATIVE OBJECTS FROM BACCARAT, NATORI, AND EDUARDO GARZA. ARTWORK (OVER BED) BY BRUCE TOLMAN AND JEFF MUHS THROUGH CHERYL HAZAN. FABRIC FOR CURTAINS AND UPHOLSTERY BY BEACON HILL. BENCH BY LORIN MARSH. LAMP, CHANDELIER, AND NIGHT TABLE ALL BY PORTA ROMANA. CUSTOM HEADBOARD BY JAMES RIXNER. BEDDING ENSEMBLE FROM NATORI. PHOTO BY ANDREW FRENCH. 2 JENNIFER GARRIGUES AND DIANA EL DAHAR FOR NICOLE MILLER: RUGS FROM ABC CARPET & HOME. SOFA FROM NICOLE MILLER'S PERSONAL COLLECTION. WALLPAPER FROM LEE JOFFA. PAINT BY ALISON ROSE, NEW YORK. VASES AND DECORATIVE OBJECTS BY JENNIFER GARRIGUES, INC. CURTAINS AND UPHOLSTERY BY FIORENZA DECORATORS WITH TRIM BY SAMUEL & SON. ARC FLOOR LAMP FROM SENTIMENTO ANTIQUES. BLACK LACQUER HAT BOX AS SIDE TABLE FROM THE HAN HORSE. PHOTO BY EVAN JOSEPH. 3 JACK LEVY FOR JEFFREY BANKS: SET OF AUSTRIAN ROE DEER SPECIMEN ANTLERS COURTESY OF DAVID DUNCAN. WALL SCONCES AND MENTON BRASS HANGING LIGHT BY VAUGHAN. SOFA BY AVERY BOARDMAN. SOFA FABRIC BY LEE JOFFA. DECORATIVE ITEMS BY JEFFREY BANKS FOR HOME SHOPPING NETWORK. PHOTO BY ANDREW FRENCH. 4 JONATHAN ADLER FOR LIZ LANGE: ALL ROOM FABRICS, RUGS, WALLPAPER AND CERAMIC ACCESSORIES FROM JONATHAN ADLER. CUSTOM-DESIGN BED AND DRESSERS FROM JONATHAN ADLER JUNIOR. SILHOUETTE ART FROM CARTER KUSTERA. PAINTINGS BEHIND BED FROM TREY SPEEGLE. PHOTO BY ANDREW FRENCH.