

SHOWROOMS

Designers log a lot of time in showrooms, and if you're lucky, you can tag along. Their favorite is **HOLLY HUNT**, which has remarkable spaces in New York City, Washington, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Miami. **KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE** ranks second in our poll; in third, **PUCCI**. Many showrooms and home-furnishings companies are to the trade only, so you need a designer or decorator to gain access. Several cities—including Atlanta, Chicago, and Los Angeles—have design centers with referral services or on-site professionals you can hire for as briefly as an hour. For a list, see Sources, back of book.

THE WINNERS

THE TOP 3

HOLLY HUNT
KNEEDLER-FAUCHERE
PUCCI

THE REST OF THE BEST (Alphabetically)

CLARENCE HOUSE
DONGHIA
GEORGE CAMERON NASH
HINSON & CO.
JOHN ROSSELLI
ROSE TARLOW-
MELROSE HOUSE
THOMAS LAVIN



One-of-a-kind surveyor's floor lamp, by Alison Berger, through Holly Hunt

THE DESIGNER'S LIFE
“AN ANTIQUE BED ARRIVED IN DISASTROUS SHAPE, SO WE SENT IT BACK TO THE DEALER TO BE FIXED. INSTEAD OF REPAIRING THE BED, HE THREW IT IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF HIS SOHO SHOWROOM.”

—SARA BENGUR

IT'S SHOWTIME

DESIGNERS CHOOSE THEIR FAVORITE SHOWROOMS—AND TELL US PRECISELY WHY

“HOLLY HUNT—always something new and interesting; even the most contemporary pieces have a timeless quality.” —JULIA DURNEY

“PUCCI—fabulous space, great taste; and I love Ralph.” —CLODAGH

“JOHN ROSSELLI—the combination of styles, designs; the wonderful eclectic feeling.” —SCOTT SANDERS

“I don't have a favorite showroom for fabrics or furniture, but Hines is the best for candy.” —SHEILA BRIDGES

“NIERMANN WEEKS—they follow up and don't have attitude. Zoffany for fabrics—the most helpful, courteous sales force.” —SUSAN ZISES GREEN

“LORIN MARSH—beautiful, truly unique contemporary and antique; great, glamorous finishes, and custom capabilities.” —JAMIE DRAKE

“V'SOSKE—oozes creativity.” —MICHAEL FORMICA