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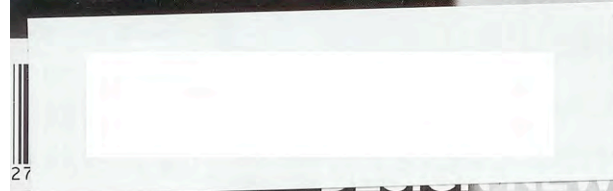
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WHITE HOUSE

At last year's San Francisco Decorator Showcase in Presidio Heights, Grant K. Gibson's glamorous atelier—inspired by *Breakfast at Tiffany's*—was all the rage. Starting on April 29, this year's house—in Presidio Heights again, on Washington Street—offers a whole new set of design ideas from Gibson and his peers. The 8,700-square-foot mansion, originally built in 1902 by architects Samuel and Sidney Newsom (distant relatives of the mayor) and remodeled à la beaux arts in 1928 by SF architect George Wagner, features a rotunda, a formal dining room and several outdoor gardens. Don't miss the master bedroom (designed by Tish Key), the kitchen by Dan Phipps and the back staircase by Lost Art's Rob Delamater and Gaétan Caron. Apr. 29–May 29, 3701 Washington St., 415-447-5830, www.decoratorshowcase.org.

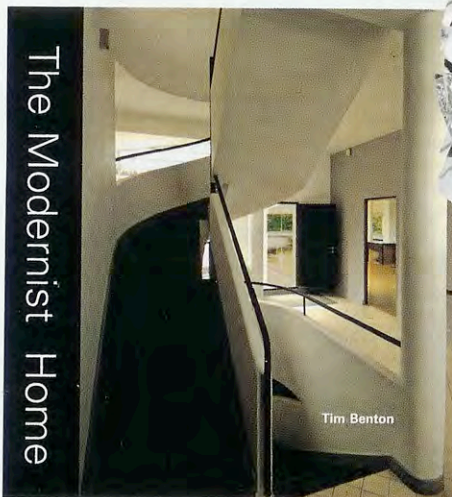
BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

Danish-born Verner Panton designed this futuristic Spiral SPO1 pendant lamp in 1969. But now, thanks to a recent reissue by the original manufacturer, VerPan ApS, it's shimmying into design stores all over the US. The acrylic fixture (\$1,295), available in silver and white, is reminiscent of a sparkly disco ball from the *Saturday Night Fever* days. To complete the retro effect, hang it over a Formica dining table, vinyl swivel chairs and a fluffy flokati area rug and cue up Manfred Mann's Earth Band. Available at Zinc Details, 1905 Fillmore St., 415-776-2101, www.zincdetails.com.



THIS SPRING,
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**THE LATEST
TRENDS IN
MODERN
DESIGN,**
FROM ANGULAR
COFFEE
TABLES TO
EXOTIC TEXTILES.

by Jennie Nunn

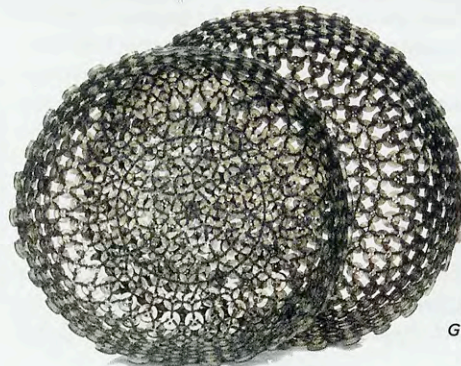


The Modernist Home

Tim Benton

MODISH LIVING

Even if you can't get to London for "Modernism: Designing a New World" at the Victoria and Albert Museum (Apr. 6–July 23)—highlights include a metallic Tatra T-87 saloon car manufactured in 1930s Czechoslovakia—you'll want to pick up a copy of *The Modernist Home* (V&A Publications) by British art historian Tim Benton. The 96-page book, published to accompany the exhibition, explores all facets of interior design in the early 20th century and features mod kitchens and bathrooms and space-saving options like folding chairs.



CUTE AS A BUTTON

They may look like the ordinary round discs that you'd find on a cardigan sweater, but the mother-of-pearl fasteners that comprise these bowls are anything but mundane. Manufactured in Rome, the button bowls—in small (\$45) and medium (\$60)—are stitched together with black thread. The clever accessories are definitely a nod to all of those missing buttons in (or out of) our lives, but remember—these are just for show. Available at Gump's, 135 Post St., 415-982-1616, www.gumps.com.