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Access to Design™ through the New York Design Center™ : Marks & Frantz

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Lydia Marks and Lisa Frantz want to bring glamour back to everyday living. For this sale, which draws upon furnishings and textiles from a handful of the New York Design Center's 100-plus trade-only showrooms, these one-time set designers chose items that add a touch of "wow" to a room. Among the finds: Roubini's hand-knotted Cadeaux rug, which features a bouquet of photorealistic flowers; Baker's Dansu bar cabinet, which melds Old World influences with contemporary touches; and Dennis Miller's Associates' curvy Alton chair, designed by flamboyant Midcentury Modernist architect Morris Lapidus.

Backstory

Lydia Marks and Lisa Frantz founded their eponymous interior-design firm after solo careers as set designers for ad campaigns and movies (most notably, for Carrie Bradshaw's bachelorette and married pads in both *Sex & the City* movies). Together, the duo's residential projects range from poppy and modern to restrained sophistication. However, their signature look mixes fun feminine accents like baby blue walls and pink curtains with masculine construction like tailored gray-flannel sofas and dark-wood finishes. It's very similar to wearing a timeless dress with of-the-moment accessories. (Kinda like a famously former single gal, don't you think?)

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Justin Timberlake may have brought sexy back, but interior designers **Lydia Marks and Lisa Frantz**—well, they want to bring glamour back. As part of this week's [Access to Design](#) sale, a program that allows regular folk the chance to shop New York Design Center's usually trade-only showrooms, these one-time set designers selected furnishings and textiles that add a touch of "wow" to one's rooms. Here's a preview of their finds. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

1. "This rug features funky, photo-realistic flowers lying atop a subtle tree canopy. The effect is dramatic and eye-catching." (Cadeaux hand-knotted rug, Roubini, \$9,980)

2. "The perfect perch for guests, this contemporary loveseat will blend equally well with vintage and new items." (Monti love seat, Cliff Young, \$3,799)

3. "This demi-lune buffet is a classic example of the French detail that has made Grange famous for a century. The beautifully tapered legs give the piece an airy quality and a slim profile. Great for a dining room with limited space." (Demi-Lune buffet, Grange, \$3,775)

4. "This is the most wonderful cabinet—perfect for a foyer or hallway. The beautiful brass details and small caster feet give it an Old World feel with contemporary flair." (Dansu bar cabinet, Baker, \$6,450)

Shop with the pros at the [Access to Design: Marks & Frantz](#) sale, starting Saturday, December 18, at 12 ET/