



Always in search of accessories and interesting items to finish projects, interior designer Lauren Czarniecki was inspired after honeymooning in Italy to open Czar Interiors Boutique in downtown Delray Beach. "I found so many unique items in Italy that I wanted to bring in for my clients and the community," says Czarniecki of the quaint store filled with handpicked goods, hostess gifts and vintage and custom furnishings. Czarniecki feels that some of the best inspiration comes from the past. "I fell in love with the world of art history because it told the stories behind the pieces of art, and it's the same with interiors," she says. "History tells the story of how and why these pieces were chosen and I love reinterpreting those ideas and bringing them to life in a new and contemporary way." czarinteriors.com



BEHIND *the* BLOOM

ANN'S FLORIST

Fragrant flowers, coffee and bubbly all in one place? The heaven is real at Ann's Florist in Fort Lauderdale, a family-owned bloom business that's also a coffee shop, Champagne bar and gift emporium filled with treasures new and old. "When I'm at market, antique shows or auctions, I try to find inspiring items that make me feel something, bring back memories of a trip I loved, or make me yearn to visit somewhere new," says co-owner Kim Fuentes, adding, "I always have a French section because I've been a serious Francophile most of my life and find that many people dream of being in Paris." Fuentes also shaped the coffee bar after cafes in Paris. "I knew I wanted Carrara marble even though people tried to talk me out of it.

I wanted the wear, and even the coffee marks, so it would look like it was brought from a sweet cafe in the 6th arrondissement in Paris," explains Fuentes. "The Champagne bar, on the other hand, I wanted to be darker and sexier. We used a copper metal top that we oxidized. The chandeliers add romance." After spotting a popular rose wall in London, Fuentes created a coveted, Insta-worthy table for guests that sits in front of a wall donning more than 5,000 roses (below). What's she putting in vases this fall? "More free-formed and wild bouquets. Less of the tightly constructed, formal pavé styles," she says. "And more color. Fall will not be limited to a dark palette. Instead, there will be happier shades." annsfloristlasolas.com



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