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19 Living Room Décor Accents From Black-Owned Businesses

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Photo: retailer

If you've perused our (ever-growing) list of [Black-owned businesses](#) to shop, you've probably noticed a big chunk of it is dedicated to companies focused on [home décor](#). To help shoppers get an even better sense of those companies' many wares, we combed through their inventories in search of [living room](#) décor that's as delightful as it is useful, whether it's a throw pillow that can instantly revive a tired couch, a handsome tray that brings immediate order to your coffee table, or a new [cool candle](#) to add to your collection.



The Black Home Osiris Candle

\$40

Photo: *retailer*

The Black Home was founded by interior designer Neffi Walker, whose work has been featured in publications including *Elle Decor*, *Essence*, and *Domino*, as well as on Bravo. In addition to design services, Walker sells tableware and candles, like this one that's hand-poured in New York City and smells of neroli and jasmine.



Makaua Conical Basket - Bugambilia

\$38

Goodee, a curated marketplace featuring goods from artisans around the world, was founded by twin brothers Byron and Dexter Peart, after they left the clothing line WANT les Essentiels (which they also co-founded). The online shop, which is a certified B corporation, sells an array of home décor sourced from companies that engage in sustainable and ethical business practices. One of those companies is Makaua, a family- and woman-owned basket-making operation that employs weavers from a low-income region in Mexico. This basket with the loveliest mauve color-blocking would make an elegant trash bin or storage receptacle.





Bolé Road Textiles Lili Pillow - Blue

\$140

Bolé Road, which was founded by Brooklyn-based interior designer Hana Getachew, sells beautiful textiles all made by artisans in Ethiopia. This lumbar cushion's handwoven cotton cover features the subtlest pattern of ombré stripes, giving the pillow just the right amount of texture and graphic detail.





AphroChic Dunham Removable Wallpaper

\$79

Husband-and-wife interior design team Jeanine Hays and Bryan Mason started [AphroChic](#) as a blog. The company has since expanded into a lifestyle brand that publishes an eponymous magazine and also sells a collection of home goods that includes lamps, poufs, rugs, and removable wallpaper. This particular style was designed in collaboration with [Kim Johnson Studios](#) and was inspired by the legacy of dancer Katherine Dunham. It features watercolor dancers and florals and is available in blue, maroon, and pink colorways.





Peace & Riot Stoneware Flower Pot with Black Pattern

\$30

Dress up your favorite houseplant in this graphic pot from Bedford Stuyvesant-based boutique Peace & Riot. The home décor store was founded by interior designer Achuziam Maha-Sanchez and her husband, Lionel Sanchez, to showcase their tastes inspired by their African and Caribbean heritages.



xN Studio De Novo Mudcloth Pillow Cover

From \$90

With its abstract arrow design, we think this mud-cloth pillow cover would go well in a room with the above planter. The pillow comes from xN Studio, a Brooklyn-based lifestyle shop founded by D.C.-area native Nasozi Kakembo. In addition to mud-cloth and indigo textiles, xN sells furniture that is all made in Brooklyn or D.C. and stocks a small collection of fair-trade goods from Uganda.



228 Grant Street Candle Co. Botanical Garden Amber Jar

\$20

Kendal Brown started 228 Grant Street Candle Co. out of his kitchen in 2016. The company now sells candles made of all-natural soy wax, braided cotton wicks, and scented oils, with no other additives or dyes — all of which are hand-poured in Baltimore County. This Botanical Garden candle is inspired by the tropics and features notes of melon, peach, plumeria flowers, gardenia, and jasmine, with a base of sweet musk and sandalwood.





Jungalow Emuna Hook Pillow by Justina Blakeney

\$60

If you're looking for an accent pillow with even more texture and color, consider this cheerily patterned hook pillow by Justina Blakeney, the founder of home-décor line Jungalow. The brand sells a slightly less expensive, matching [Lulu moon pillow](#), too; together, they'd make for a relatively inexpensive way to freshen up a couch or bed. For every product purchased, Jungalow, in partnership with Trees for the Future, promises to plant two trees in sub-Saharan Africa.



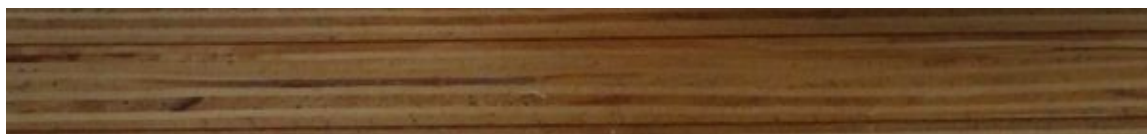


Effortless Composition Clay Pairings Vase (Set of 3)

\$35

From L.A.-based shop Effortless Composition, a home-goods boutique founded by interior stylist Brittiny Terry, comes this trio of neutral-colored vases in various sizes that are ideal for holding a bloom or two.





Ysnay Maruzia Candle

\$69

Interior designer Marie Burgos curates a collection of modern lighting, furniture, and mirrors on her website (some of which she makes herself) in addition to other small goods, like this candle from Martinique-based boutique Ysnay. It comes in a handmade ceramic vessel that would make a beautiful bowl once the wax is gone. The candle itself is made from natural soy and beeswax and features wood wicks.



Robin Wilson Home Sustainable Wood Serving Tray

\$20

~~\$32~~ now 38% off

Photo: retailer

Organize your coffee table with this wooden serving tray from lifestyle brand Robin Wilson Home that's inlaid with an eye-catching — but not loud — graphic pattern.



Rochelle Porter Pangea Pillow Cover

\$49

Atlanta-based artist Rochelle Porter sells a selection of head scarves, activewear, face masks, and pillow covers that feature bright patterns and prints she creates. This pillow cover, for instance, features a vibrant watercolor print that would enliven any living room. A note that the price shown is just for the pillow cover (there is no insert included).





Sheila Bridges Harlem Toile Umbrella

\$30

Veteran interior designer Sheila Bridges's line of goods is known for featuring her iconic Harlem Toile print. While many of her products with that print have sold out, there are still umbrellas available in a bunch of colors, including red, turquoise, navy, and ivory.





Rayo & Honey Start Where You Are Pennant

\$75

If you're looking to add some character to a blank wall, consider these pennants that textile artist Roachelle Negron makes by hand for her Brooklyn-based shop Rayo & Honey. They feature words of affirmation and a simple aesthetic that would go with just about any décor scheme.





Don't Sleep Interiors Modern African Barber Shop Sign Poster

From \$48

Another way to dress up a bare wall would be with one of the graphic and text-heavy posters from Don't Sleep Interiors, an online store started by designer Kori Miller that also sells mugs and pillows. All of the items are inspired by Black culture and thought leaders throughout history; this modern take on a traditional barbershop poster features an African proverb.





Tackussanu Senegal Black Confetti Basket

\$80

Store your knicknacks in this basket peppered with swaths of color from Harlem-based shop Tackussanu Senegal. Started by friends Jasz and Cheikh, it specializes in handmade baskets and other décor made by female artisans from Senegal.





Expedition Subsahara Wishing Basket

\$39

Expedition Subsahara, a St. Charles, Missouri-based store founded by former photographer (and Senegal native) Sofi Seck, also focuses on Senegalese home goods. This gourd-shaped basket is made of dried cattail stalks and plastic strips and could also make for an unexpected storage vessel.



Yowie Fourth Street 12oz Candle

\$35

This hand-poured, soy- and coconut-wax candle comes from Philadelphia-based concept shop Yowie, which was started by Shannon Maldonado and has been featured in *Architectural Digest* and *Domino*. Its fragrance features slightly more unusual notes of white tea and pebbled leather.



Modish Decor Pillows Fuchsia Coasters (Set of 4)

\$76

Chantal Bradley founded Modish Decor Pillows in 2015 and has since expanded her company's line of pillows to include candles and coasters, like this punchy set made from fuchsia-colored agate marble.

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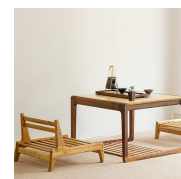
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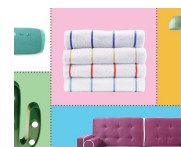
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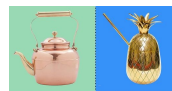
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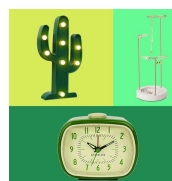
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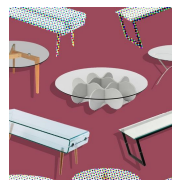
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