

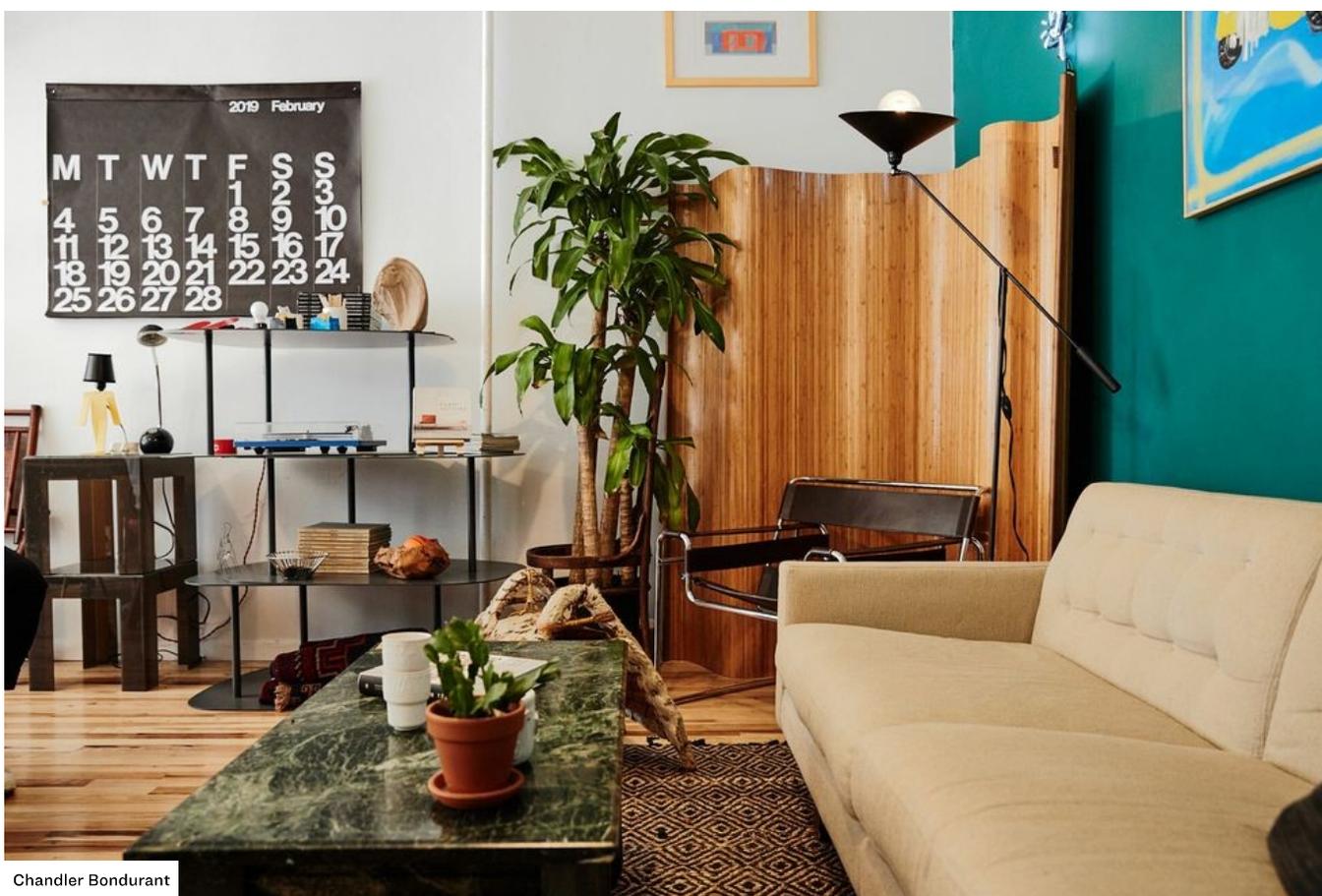
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30 Black-Owned Home and Design Businesses to Support Right Now

Black people have been overlooked for far too long in the home and design industry.

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Black people continue to face racism, discrimination and injustice every day. The absolute least we can do as allies to the Black community is to shop Black-owned businesses, now and always. These Black-owned home and design businesses deserve their time to shine and are just a fraction of what's out there.

Bedding



Linoto

Linoto: We can't **recommend linen bedding enough**. Jason Evege, founder and creative director of Linoto, feels the same way. Evege started Linoto, which cuts and sews every piece of linen in its New York workshop, to make premium linen bedding at an accessible price point without eschewing quality.

Robin Wilson Home: Robin Wilson expanded her design firm to include a line of bedding, towels and kitchenware as part of her mission to create a well-rounded lifestyle brand.

Furniture



Lichen

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Lichen: When Jared Blake sold Ed Be a Herman Miller chair, their fate was sealed. The pair founded Lichen to sell expertly curated vintage furniture without costing an arm and a leg. The brand is a community of design-conscious individuals with a passion for art, creativity and coffee.

Jomo Furniture: Jomo Tariku is an Ethiopian American designer who incorporates African art and culture into his contemporary furniture designs.

54kibo : Nana Quagraine founded 54kibo because finding contemporary African designs in America was like a treasure hunt despite the continent's influence on nearly everything. The brand sells a truly impressive array of home and design products rooted in African culture, tradition and design.

Marie Burgos Design: Marie Burgos combines her experiences growing up in Paris and her family's roots in Martinique, a French region in the Caribbean, to create clean, simple furniture designs with an added dimension.

Home Decor

Jungalow

peace + Riot: This Brooklyn-based store showcases its founders African and Caribbean heritages through an expertly curated selection of home goods.

Jungalow: Justina Blakeney turned her design blog, Jungalow, into a marketplace for nature-inspired home goods like planters, throw pillows, and more all with the idea of “[bringing] good vibes home.”

Tackussanu Senegal: Founders Jasz Dio and Cheikh Biaye highlight female Senegalese artisans and their handmade goods at Tackussanu Senegal. The store’s assortment of baskets are a chic way of hiding ones messes in a beautifully designed work of art.

xN Studio: Nasozi Kakembo showcases housewares made in DC or Brooklyn, with select pieces of fair-trade goods from Uganda. The company’s name is inspired by its founder’s name, which is Ugandan for “something to look up to in praise of.”

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Rochelle Porter: Rochelle Porter turns her original artworks into shoppable home fabrics and textiles from pillow covers to face coverings. Her website says Porter combines the “breezy hues of her Caribbean roots, the stark simplicity of Scandinavian design and the bold geometrics of West African weaves” to create her eye-catching patterns.

Bolé Road Textiles: The reason we should shop at brands started by people of diverse backgrounds is because their backgrounds influence their products. Hana Getachew was born in Ethiopia, and her designs are directly inspired by her childhood in Ethiopia and her cultural experiences.

Kintsugi Candles: Founder Allison Jones was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2018 and used aromatherapy as a form of self-care and healing. Jones created Kintsugi, which is named for the Japanese tradition of filling cracks with gold lacquer, to help others in times of need through calming, mood-invigorating scents.

Effortless Composition: Brittny Terry’s Los Angeles store is a one-stop shop for getting all your eclectic home decor. Terry and her team do all the heavy lifting sourcing the store’s inventory, so when you shop their selection you know you’re getting quality products.

228 Grant Street Candle Co.: Kendal Brown makes all of his candles with all-natural soy wax, braided cotton wicks and scented oils. Shop candles of the month and enjoy scents like ginger and kaffir lime, sea salt and orchid and wild blackberry and absinthe.

Reflektion Design: Reflektion Design sells home items, like pillow covers, throw blankets and tableware, inspired by Ghana.

Rayo and Honey: Roachele Negrón's simple pennants make for great motivational pieces and aesthetic touches even in the drabest rooms.

Yowie: Shannon Maldonado's Philadelphia-based store sells an assortment of home and living products from independent and under-the-radar artists and designers.

Goodee: Byron and Dexter Peart, co-founders of WANT Les Essentiels, started Goodee to curate well-designed products "that [bring] together the values of good design, good people, good purpose."

Interior Design

Clare

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AphroChic: Since 2007, Jeanine Hays and Bryan Mason are combining their love of interior design with diverse cultural influences. AphroChic is an all-out lifestyle brand with a magazine and shoppable home goods.

The Black Home: Neffi Walker is an award-winning designer known for her use of bold colors amid black backgrounds. At The Black Home, Walker sells candles and tableware and offers free design inspiration.

Duett Interiors: Tiffany Thompson's interior design brand helps homeowners fully realize their dream home with a little help from Thompson's background and design expertise. Duett Interiors' homeware line is a collection of pillows inspired by her grandma because the "grandma aesthetic" has never been tacky.

Clare: Forget Home Depot and Benjamin Moore. Clare, founded by Nicole Gibbons, is a direct-to-consumer paint brand with an impressive array of colors, toxic-free paints and a technological approach to interior design. We hate to say a brand is "disrupting" an industry, but Clare may very well be doing it best.

Sheila Bridges Design: Sheila Bridges is one of the most recognized interior designers in America. Her work has been covered in a number of publications and her fabrics are the best way to get her work into your home. Harlem Toile reimagines French toile by replacing the French scenery motifs with images that satirize Black stereotypes.

Ishka Designs: Helmed by Niya Bascom and Anishka Clarke, Ishka Designs is a Brooklyn-based design firm that creates minimalist and sophisticated interiors for clients around the world.

Glassware and Pottery

Lolly Lolly

Lolly Lolly Ceramics: Based in Columbus, Ohio, Lolly Lolly sells handmade mugs and dishware made by Lolly herself, Lalese Stamps.

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SampleHAUS: Diana Adams creates pottery and ceramics by upcycling interior design waste and discontinued marketing samples. The results are one-of-a-kind pieces of pottery, ceramics and art.

Estelle Colored Glass: Stephanie Summerson Hall named her glassware company after her grandmother. The hand-blown glasses are the perfect way to brighten up a cabinet and dining table. In her own words about her grandmother Estelle, **Hall writes**, “I hope our heirloom quality pieces help create special memories for you just like the memories I have of time spent with my grandmother, Estelle, affectionately also known as ‘Big Mama.’”

Pottery by Osa: This Baton Rouge-based pottery brand is a one-woman operation. Osa Atoe uses red stoneware clay carved and stamped geometric designs to “hint at prehistoric or

primitive ceramics.”

Tracie Hervy: Tracie Hervy creates elegant and simple ceramics that are as minimalistic as possible to allow the shape of the pieces to shine through.

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