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The Vitae collection — a collaboration with Noken and the Porcelanosa Group — is made with fluid lines and dynamic shapes that evoke the flow of water and the natural wonders it has created over time.

Its curvy mirrors, sinks, bathtub and hardware are designed for a fully modern home, with wall-hung sinks, toilet and bidet and even vanity shelves that seem to float in the air.

Find it at Porcelanosa's Houston showroom, 4006 Richmond.

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### Keepers of the flame

They say home is where the heart is. Well, we heart home — as in home candles. Home scents come in a variety of applications, but there's nothing quite like a fine candle with a rich, unique fragrance.

Luxury candles make perfect housewarming and hostess gifts. But don't mind us if we keep some of these gifts for ourselves. We're scenting all our living spaces with these new fragrant candles.

#### Byredo Parfums

##### Bibliothèque Bougie:

Ready for some Bougie Nights? Then light up this candle and put your head in a book. Or let the candle do it for you. Byredo's new home fragrance is inspired by an old library filled with leather hardbacks and dusty surfaces. But a luxurious library with sweet notes of plum and peach; \$80 at Neiman Marcus.



#### Diptyque La Madeleine:

When the cult Paris fragrance house discovered that its founders' home in Normandy, France, was previously a post office where Marcel Proust used to send his mail, creative minds went aflutter. The result is a delicious, lemony confection housed in a porcelain jar; \$85 at Diptyque, River Oaks District.



#### Nest Corsica Collection:

Nest fragrances make a room smell good and dress up home sweet home. The limited-edition Corsica line is a knockout scent (evocative of the French Mediterranean with notes of fig leaves, olivewood and lemon zest) that comes in a honeycomb-pattern porcelain jar with gold detailing; \$75 at Neiman Marcus.



#### Lafco Water Hyacinth/

**Lake House:** Lafco's home scents trigger a strong sense of place. The company's Lighthouse candle is Fog & Mist; the Carriage House candle is Magnolia Cypress. And the Lake House? A watery ebb of soft florals with a tinge of lime leaf and a hint of freesia that burns for 90 hours; \$60. Lafco products are sold at Kuhl-Linscomb.



#### Jo Malone Basil &

**Neroli:** Described as quintessentially British, this September debut from Jo Malone winks at fashionable and fun London with a merger of herbaceous basil and floral neroli on a base of white musk. It's fresh, green and romantic — at once playful and sensuous; \$65 at Jo Malone, River Oaks District.



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