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THE HOME EDITION

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In this month of chilly-to-freezing weather, nightfall at 5 pm, and Covid-19, home is not just where the heart is; it's pretty much where everyone is. So, as we usher in what hopefully will be a sparkling New Year from our couches and recliners, I suggest tossing a few extra creature comforts into the mix. We've earned them big time. Hopefully, my curated selections for January will serve as a much-needed seasonal pick me up!

COLD COMFORT

During allergy season (for some of us, a year-round event), boutique tissue boxes are apt to show up in every room. With home life becoming increasingly linked to real life, my mantra has turned into Upgrade Now! Fortunately, I discovered **Graf Lantz's Spanish Suede Tissue Box Covers**, impeccably designed to conceal ho-hum cardboard crassness with handsome, waterproof panache. *Info: graf-lantz.com.*



REST EASY

Indoor living has made me reevaluate my cozy home needs—from a to-die-for banana bread recipe to a new mattress. After a dedicated search for the latter, I found **Sleepenvie**, a company dedicated to customization that gets bonus points for comfort and free delivery. Arriving in a compact box that, once opened, allowed my Logan mattress to expand into full-blown queen-size glory. And yes, I have reclaimed sleep nirvana! *Info: sleepenvie.com.*



GROWTH SPURTS

Subscription boxes may be the rage, but when it comes to originality, **Succulent Studios** is king, shipping real deal Southern California succulents in biodegradable pots to recipients—you pick the number of months and shipment date. Inside each box are two different baby succulent plants, plus instructions on nurturing them on their way to adulthood. FYI, my little guys are thriving. *Info: succulent.studio.*



LIGHT FORCE

My love affair with the **OttLite Purify Desk Lamp** goes beyond its rep as the sole desk lamp with SpectraClean's technological wherewithal to assassinate harmful bacteria and mold. This LED home office must-have is not only a disinfecting phenom; it duplicates the sun's natural daylight spectrum, cuts down on eyestrain and glare, has three brightness settings, and (drumroll) offers wireless charging. It had me at less eyestrain (two thumbs up)! *Info: ottlite.com.*



FACE TO FACE

Even the most insular among us must venture outside occasionally, so it's nice to know there's a super-sanitizing weapon in our arsenal. **A.I.R. Solo** is a disinfecting mask that allows us to sanitize our facemasks while we wear them. Originally designed for travel, A.I.R. Solo is worn beneath any cloth mask and, via short-wave ultraviolet LED light, zaps pathogens, germs, live viruses, etc. In short, it's a literal lifesaver and my home away from home. CVS minus angst. *Info: theairdevice.com.*



ANYTHING GOES

I want to go on record as saying that the name **Teema Towels** is deceptive. Are they towels? Flat-woven from 100 percent Turkish cotton in myriad designs. They make generic beach towels blush with envy and give bath sheets a run for their absorbency. Yet Teema's innate versatility puts them in another stratosphere, allowing them to morph into stylish scarves, throws, shawls, or even tablecloths for outdoor dining. As for mine, at the moment, it's a wrap! *Info: teema.co.*



MIX & MATCHLESS

A tabletop that gives leftovers epicurean cachet is what Haand dinnerware is about. With perfect heft and porcelain good looks, the handcrafted five-piece **Hestia Nesting Set** goes from a 2.5 oz. ramekin to an 80 oz. fruit bowl. There are multiple colors to choose from, but my eye settled on "Piedmont," one of two sets that showcase a different color per bowl—think a stunning way to spice up a buffet. *Info: haand.us.*



JUST MY STUFF

Typically, multi-generational homes and dorms are catchalls for the off-limits property, be it laptops or bathrobes. Of these hijacked items, many are bathroom-centric: shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, etc. My new favorite thing, **Shower Caddy Locker by Shlocker**, melds a portable medicine cabinet with a safe (3-digit code). Mega-suction cups let you affix it wherever. My point: when it comes to hygiene, sharing is way overrated. *Info: schlocker.com.*



DOWN TO A FINE ART

Every so often, a piece of art reaches out and seduces—no doubt a regular occurrence at **Upton Design Studio** where a toffee canvas screen print "Caudor" won my heart. Upton's minimalist works are bound to strike many an aesthetic chord, whether you're drawn to prints or sculptures. According to company founder artist/designer Michael Upton, "Everyone should have the means to live with beauty every day!" *Info: whatsupton.com.*

