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Native Trails' Amalfi sink (abalone) in Murano glass, \$798

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## Shore things

Seashell designs in home accessories reel in coastal vibe

By Diane Cowen | STAFF WRITER



Aerin

Aerin Salt and Pepper Shakers, \$95

If you're outfitting a beach house or just want to feel like you live in one, add some home accessories that speak of the sea. From oyster-shell-encased tools, turtle-motif-stamped silver and porcelain in the image of conch shells, seashell designs are everywhere. Here are some of our favorites.



Kuhl-Linscomb

Luke Edward Hall's Il Viaggio di Nettuno Teapot, \$375 at Kuhl-Linscomb



Amara

Pigeon & Poodle oyster-shell bathroom accessories, starting at \$237 at amara.com

### Luke Edward Hall teapot

Luke Edward Hall's penchant for Greco-Roman mythology is evident in his Il Viaggio di Nettuno collection, made and hand-decorated in Italy. Neptune, the Roman god of the sea, graces this teapot, while Neptune's wife, Salacia, and other sea icons are found on vases, coasters and plates. \$375; Kuhl-Linscomb

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Aerin's Conch Shell bowls, \$75



Aerin

## On trend: Houston condo buildings showing their sleek, modern side

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Two condo buildings demonstrate that the trend in transitional to contemporary design continues in Houston.

The Revere, a boutique condo building in River Oaks, bucks the trend on size and height, with only 30 units in a nine-floor building, but aims for a

modernized lifestyle.

Over in the Museum District, the 35-story Parklane is getting a classic, modern update from its original design in 1983. Construction began in January with some units already finished, getting all new modern cabinets and counters, stainless-steel appliances and hardwood floors.

Still owned by Tema Devel-

opment, The Parklane is getting its overhaul – inside and out – by Mirador Group. Its 195 condos, ranging from an 825-square-foot one-bedroom to a 2,470-square-foot three-bedroom, are expected to be finished in December 2021.

“Our design approach is to stay true to the roots of this contemporary building and

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The Parklane

An artist rendering depicts a living room in a condo at The Parklane, which is being overhauled in the Museum District.

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Photos by Julie Soefer

The Revere, a new residential condo in River Oaks, has a modern feel.

**HIGH-RISES**

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incorporate timeless elements,” said Jerry Hooker, principal of Mirador Group, of work underway at The Parklane. “The material palette is warm, very classic and all stone. The lobby renovation is going to be quite impressive as well. It is a unique space, especially for Houston, given the scale of the space and the height of the ceiling.”

In The Revere, Pelican Builders president Derek Darnell said they were hoping to achieve a classic, big-city look that blended with the neighborhood.

“The neighborhood has these nice, high-end townhomes with almost a London-inspired look,” Darnell said of the surrounding homes and three- to four-story townhomes. So when we engaged Kirksey (Architecture), we said, ‘We think it ought to be a building that’s classic and complements what’s already here.’ That’s why you see stone-work and brass ... sort of a

classic Park Avenue feel.”

Workers wearing masks were moving through the lobby on a recent Friday, but Darnell said the lobby will be finished and open in three weeks, with some of the first condo-owners ready to move in. Of the building’s 30 units, already 21 are sold.

Pelican Builders hired Houston interior designer Chandos Epley of Chandos Interiors to design and furnish a model unit, and its recent unveiling will likely set the tone for what’s to come in other units.

Epley furnished the home with velvet upholstery on sofas and bedroom headboards to warm the space, placing furniture to show how to use an extra flex room, how to turn a niche off the dining room into a sophisticated bar and how to get the most of the unit’s very long living room.

That open space has room for a big dining table and two more intimate seating areas in the living room. One includes a pair of gray velvet sofas in front of a contemporary fireplace, and the other has a long ban-



Chandos Interiors designed The Revere’s model unit.

quette, a pair of chairs, a coffee table and a round pedestal table as an alternate seating area where you could sit with a cup of coffee.

The bar off of the dining room was finished by Epley, who used Phillip Jeffries wallpaper in a black/gray geometric pattern with brass-glass, wall-mounted shelves for barware, all-over-gray cabinets with slabs of quartz for the counters and backsplash.

Dramatic contemporary lighting was chosen for rooms throughout the 2,900-square-foot model unit since they all have 11-foot ceilings – a foot or two taller than most high-rise units.

“When Derek came to me, we talked about bringing a New York feel to the setting. We just wanted it to feel warm and inviting and transitional so that anybody who was looking at the unit could appreciate how it could be furnished with antiques or modern furnishings,” Epley said. “We went with an updated classic look.”

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**SHELL**

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**Michael Aram Ocean Reef caviar dish**

Michael Aram cites the “tranquility of the undersea world” as inspiration for his Ocean Reef Collection. His caviar dish with spoon combines stainless steel with nickel plate, sand-washed enamel, mother of pearl, glass and sparkalite marble. \$200; [Kuhl-Linscomb](#)



Kuhl-Linscomb

**Jamie Young Sea Urchin lamp**

The smoothed shape of a sea urchin forms the base of this coastal chic lamp from the Jamie Young Co. With a matte white finish, it’s 27½ inches tall and pairs well with a crisp white linen shade. \$565; [Kuhl-Linscomb](#)

**Jamie Young’s Sea Urchin Lamp; \$565 at Kuhl-Linscomb**

serving dips or other small dishes. Set of 2, \$75; [Longoria Collection](#) or [aerin.com](#)

**Aerin Salt and Pepper Shakers**

They’re made of earthenware, glazed and finished with gold detailing, but Aerin’s salt and pepper shakers look like the real deal, scotch bonnet seashells. \$95; [Longoria Collection](#) or [aerin.com](#)

**Native Trails Amalfi sink**

Molten glass forms this vessel sink so perfectly that you’d swear Mother Nature made it herself. It’s one in a series of bathroom sinks in organic shapes and color schemes. The Amalfi comes in Abalone (shown on page D1), Bianco and Shoreline. \$798; [Acero Bella](#), [Elegant Additions](#), [Hollywood Builders Hardware](#), [Morrison Supply](#), [Fixtures & Fittings](#), [Ferguson](#), [Lighting Inc.](#), [Baths of America](#), [Pacific Sales](#), [Expression Home Gallery](#), [Moore Supply](#), [Katy Kitchen & Bath](#)

**Native Trails Lido sink**

Sleek curves and the iridescent pattern of sea shells come to play in Native Trails’ new Lido sink, available in Abalone (shown), Abyss (black), Beachcomber and Shoreline. \$748; [Acero Bella](#), [Elegant Additions](#), [Hollywood Builders Hardware](#), [Morrison Supply](#), [Fixtures &](#)



Amara

**Villari Porto Cervo Shell, starting at \$935**



Amara

**Pigeon & Poodle turtle-shell frame, starting at \$264**



JC Penney

**Elements candleholder, \$20 or \$40 at [jcpennyc.com](#)**

[Fittings](#), [Ferguson](#), [Lighting Inc.](#), [Baths of America](#), [Pacific Sales](#), [Expression Home Gallery](#), [Moore Supply](#), [Katy Kitchen & Bath](#)

**Ethan Allen Loren stool**

Luminous blue and ivory mother-of-pearl cover the quatrefoil shape of Ethan Allen’s Loren stool. \$390; [Ethan Allen](#) or [ethanallen.com](#)

**Ethan Allen Alanna accent table**

Ivory and brown mother-of-pearl pieces come together in dazzling form in a convex-kaleidoscopic pattern in Ethan Allen’s Alanna accent table. \$440; [Ethan Allen](#) or [ethanallen.com](#)

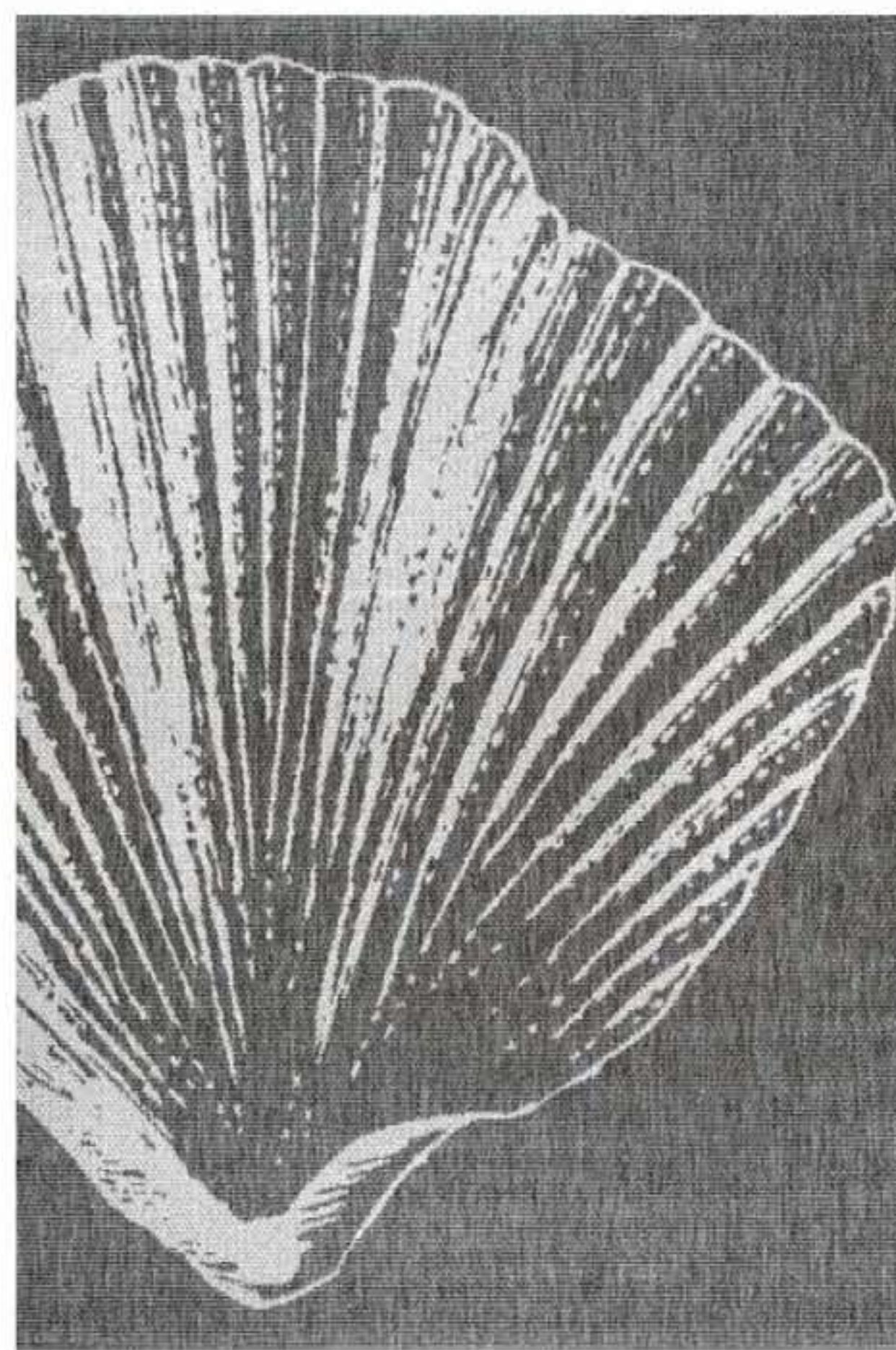
**Thomas Paul Fan Seashell rug**

Make a statement with one big shell in this outdoor rug by Thomas Paul. It comes in two sizes for you to use in smaller or larger spaces. \$200.99 or \$407.99; [jcpennyc.com](#)

**JC Penney candleholders**

Whether you’re at a beach-house or on your backyard patio, these sweet glass candleholders with a sky-blue hue, jute and shell medallions just ooze summer. \$20 or \$40; [jcpennyc.com](#)

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**Thomas Paul Rug, starting at \$200.99 at [jcpennyc.com](#)**