

New in Homes

HOT HOME PRODUCTS



The Brilliant Gift, left, is a decorated glass block lit from within (\$50-\$160). Breville's Juice Fountain Compact (\$170) comes with a one-litre juice jug. Barbara Barry's "Musical Chairs" Wedgwood tea set echoes her line of furniture (teapot \$235, eight-inch plates \$30, teacup and saucer \$50).



Ways to keep thinking warm

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Shorter days and cooler temperatures are, alas, among the first signs that another dreary winter is on its way.

But designer Barbara Barry's new line of ceramics might make you hope that a snow day comes sooner rather than later, just so you have a reason to relax on the couch and sip tea from a "Musical Chairs" teacup. It's part of a whimsical tea set that Barry has designed for the venerable china manufacturer Wedgwood, which has been making fine ceramics for the last 250 years.

Barry is an American designer whose work is licensed by tile, furniture, lighting, and carpet makers, as well as manufacturers of kitchen and bath products. She created the set for Wedgwood as part of a collection that includes crystal, silver and three lines of plate ware — all of which feature elegant designs on white china. She also recently launched a line of bed linens, called Barbara Barry Dream.

The Musical Chair set is available at the Barbara Barry showroom at 91 Parliament St. (416-368-2838; www.barbarabarry.com). The teapot sells for

\$235, eight-inch plates for \$30 and a teacup and saucer for \$50. (The Musical Chairs motif echoes Barry's line of chairs and furniture, which is also available at the showroom.)

The right lighting will become more important as fall deepens into winter. Designers Lorne and Tracey Kadish have come up with a decor idea they think will brighten any dull corner. The Brantford couple have created The Brilliant Gift, a glass block lit from within and decorated with crystals, pendants, metallic stars and ribbons.

The Brilliant Gift comes decorated in shades of metallic,

blue, plum and green. It's available in a single eight-inch block (\$50) or a set of six-, eight- and 12-inch blocks (\$160.) which can be arranged as part of a decor setting.

This product is not yet in stores, but will be on sale at several home decor shows this fall, including the Fall Home Show being held this weekend at Exhibition Place (www.fallhomeshow.com). For more information, go to www.thebrilliantgift.com.

When the real cold settles in, it will become increasingly important to get the five to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables that Health Canada recommends as

part of a healthy daily diet. Breville's new Juice Fountain Compact may make it easier to sneak in a few extra servings.

With a 700-watt motor and an extra-large feed chute, this juicer comes with a one-litre juice jug and lid that has a built-in froth separator. As for cleanup, the unit dismantles quickly and parts that need cleaning are dishwasher-safe. A handy brush that has a scraper on one end helps clean the pulp chamber.

Available at department stores and specialty gourmet stores, the Breville Juicer sells for about \$170. For more information, visit www.breville.ca.

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If you're buying new appliances, you may want to visit the new Miele showroom at 161 Four Valley Dr. in Vaughan. You can test drive Miele's line of high-end coffee makers, stoves, dishwashers, vacuums and washers/dryers.

There will also soon be interactive cooking demonstrations and other events. To book an appointment, call Lillian Kment at 905-532-2270 ext. 242, or visit www.miele.ca.

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