

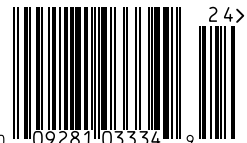
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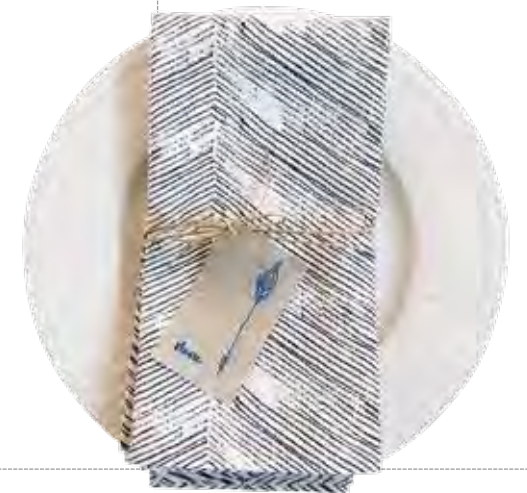


Elizabeth Siegan, owner of Plume Textiles, poses in Spudnik Press, the Chicago studio that screen prints the chic designs found on her hand-sewn soft goods. *Opposite:* One of the shops on Siegan's radar, Classic Remix Chicago boasts a variety of old and new furnishings with remarkable quality.

OPPOSITE: JIM NEWBERRY. TOP RIGHT: ELIZABETH SIEGAN.

A good accessory stands out, yet it should never steal the spotlight from the rest of the room. Choose from one of Elizabeth Siegan's handmade pillows or napkins and you've got a pièce de résistance that will play the perfect supporting role to any home design. "You can instantly change the style of a room by grouping the pillows in different ways," she says. A Chicago designer by trade, Siegan moonlights as a textile guru in her spare time, founding Plume Textiles three years ago as a way to unleash her imagination. "I now have an opportunity to indulge in my own creativity," she notes. Siegan's upcoming collection takes inspiration from animal prints with unique cheetah, zebra and giraffe motifs that are far from ordinary. Her signature linen and cotton pieces are hand drawn and screen printed with water-based inks to provide subtle luxury with an organic aesthetic. "Plume is tousled," explains Siegan, "but in a natural, just threw my hair back sort of way mixed with a classic style." www.plumetextiles.com; 773.915.3295

Inspired by the sinewy vertebra of a fish, the soft herringbone pattern that adorns Siegan's napkin design is juxtaposed with the masculinity of a bold navy hue.



MATERIAL GIRL

ELIZABETH SIEGAN



COVETED ITEM:

I have a set of mismatched antique teacups and saucers that my grandmother collected throughout her life. They are beautiful and remind me of her every time I use them.

BRAND NAME INSPIRATION:

I am a total Francophile and *plume* means feather in French. I wanted something that related to soft goods and my pillow and napkin products.

FAVORITE DECORATING SOURCES:

Locally, I like Primitive and The Golden Triangle, Classic Remix Chicago, Scout and George Lowell.

GREATEST INDULGENCE:

Enjoying a slice (or two) of carrot cake. The one at Chicago's Sweet Mandy B's is my favorite.

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