

## THE SCOUT



Photographs from Paola Lenti

## OPENINGS

# Woven in style

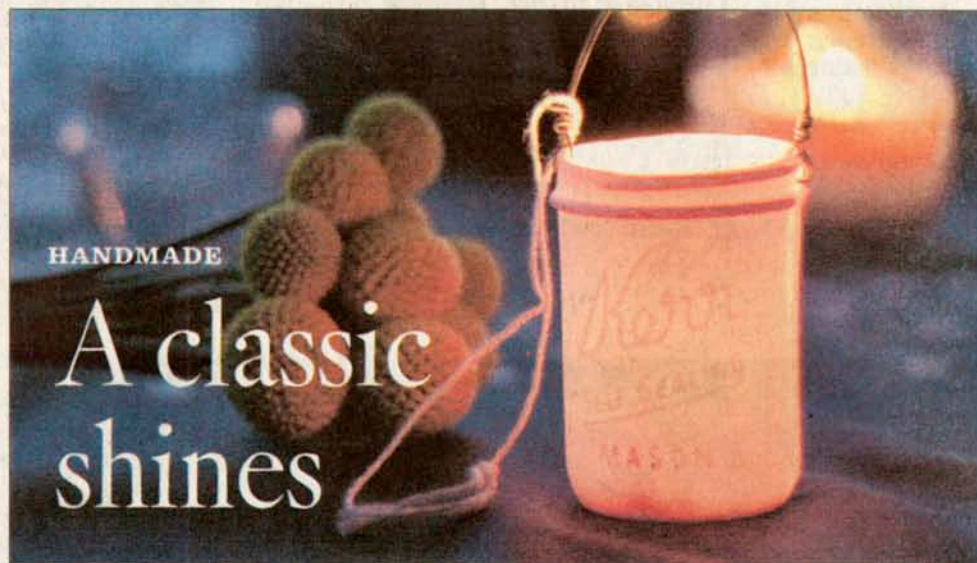
With a whitewashed wooden deck surrounding a stream-fed indoor pond, the recently opened Niche on Beverly Boulevard looks like a slice of the Hamptons. Owner Robina Benson has devoted the space largely to the colorful, innovative (and expensive) Italian outdoor furniture by Francesco Rota and Paola Lenti.

Lenti has taken outdoor textiles in innovative directions, moving past standard fabrics to create thick all-weather yarns for weaving and chenille-soft upholstery and cushions. The Wabi sofa, above, mixes Italian minimalism with Scandinavian flair. The Ami chair at right has a crafty, knitted texture with a blast of color.

Niche also carries pieces by manufacturer Kettal, which recently launched collections with acclaimed designers Marcel Wanders and Patricia Urquiola. For outdoor lighting, the selection includes modernist ceramic oil lamps (\$230) and jewel-shaped plastic lights (from \$504).

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Pigeon Toe Ceramics

Inspired by "Depression-era aesthetics," Oregon potter Lisa Jones hand-cast porcelain versions of vintage Kerr Mason canning jars to use as hanging candle holders at her wedding. The unglazed pieces proved so popular that she also created a larger pickle-jar size that serves as an indoor pendant lamp. The 3½-inch-tall candle holder sells for \$28 at Show in Los Feliz. The 8-inch-tall pendant lights come with an 11-foot cord and can accommodate a 40-watt bulb; they're \$108 apiece on Jones' Pigeon Toe Ceramics store on Etsy: [www.etsy.com/shop/PigeonToeCeramics](http://www.etsy.com/shop/PigeonToeCeramics).

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## ENTERTAINING

# It's time to sizzle

The shade of green sits somewhere between mod Palm Springs lime, Mediterranean olive and Mexican guacamole. Cooked up by the folks at Weber and available at Crate & Barrel, the color comes in two forms: a portable Smokey Joe with an entry-level price of \$49.95, and the Weber Green Performer Grill (\$329.95), left. The latter has a host of upgrades: a hinged grate, built-in thermometer, propane gas ignition to light the coals and a one-touch cleaning system. The steel cart also has a lid holder, scorch-resistant work surface, hooks for accessories and bin for charcoal. [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com)

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