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Mila Crewe-Brown keeps you posted on the latest and hottest finds for November



▲ Plastic Fantastic

Using brightly coloured Bakelite spheres to create jewellery, Hubert Verstraeten puts the concept of high-design jewellery into a new light. The shades and combinations are endless.

■ Tamawa www.tamawa.be



▼ Tipping the Scales

French fabric house Elitis' latest creation gets our vote for on-trend textiles. Its fish-like scales have up-to-the-minute appeal and come in glam shades, from slate to bronze. Available at St Leger & Viney. ■ St Leger & Viney, 8 Kramer Road, Kramerville, Johannesburg; 011 444 6722



▲ New Girl in Town

Theresa Beukes' latest restaurant oozes old-world style and chic. The Duchess of Wisbeach, decorated by Craig Kaplan, packs a punch with its dramatic bar area, graphic chequerboard floor and charcoal walls. The dining area has subtle appeal with creams and pale greys dominating, while the eatery's off-beat character is carried through with vintage mirrors and a mix of antique chairs. The atmosphere is homely and the menu traditional with old favourites, like fillet with pepper sauce. ■ The Duchess of Wisbeach, 1 Wisbeach Road, Sea Point, Cape Town; 021 434 1525

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◀ Trumps Up

Men's grooming has never looked so good thanks to Geo F Trumper - a range of fragrances and products from the well-known London barber shop. Their heady aroma and gorgeous packaging make them the number one choice for the style-conscious man.

■ French Accent, Chelsea Village, Corner of Durban and Wolfe Street, Wynberg, Cape Town; 021 762 2342

■ *Pop into Blubird's Christmas Market to stock up on locally produced ecofriendly handcrafted goods. Running every Thursday this month from 5 to 8pm, it's a welcome change for festive gifting.*

■ Blubird Christmas Market, Corner of Athol-Oaklands Road and Fort Street, Birnam, Johannesburg; 083 311 4768 ▶

