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California Style: California Bespoke exhibit at the LA Gift Show

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For almost two months, I've been busy procuring items along with three other editors from The Editor At Large from 10 different California-based designers ranging from fashion and stationery to textiles and furniture for the California Bespoke exhibit at the California Gift Show in Los Angeles (July 19th-July 25th). Designed by Berkeley-based interior designer Christopher Gaona, (who artfully arranged all of our selections together) the 1,200-square foot gallery was inspired by California landscape and climates from Joshua Tree to Yosemite and Big Sur.

On Friday, I flew in for a peek at the finished exhibit with pieces I culled along with items chosen by editors Jason Oliver Nixon, Marisa Marcantonio, and Vanessa Kogevinas. The one-of-a-kind wares range from glass decanters by Joe Cariati, to wallpaper by textile designer Cadee Wilder, and brand new surfboards by Thomas Meyerhoffer.

As a native Californian, I was inspired by the challenge to present brand new product and accessories from designers I admire and have written about over the years in magazines, and more important, those who exemplify California style.

On my list?

Greeting cards, custom wedding invitations, and original artwork by San Francisco-based stationery studio Hello!Lucky.

Sunset end table by Woodson & Rummerfield's House of Design.

Four surfboards ("Pill," "Meyerhoffer 2," and "Lemondrop" designs) by Thomas Meyerhoffer from his new Meyerhoffer 2 collection.

New Muse collection wallpaper by Cadee Wilder, founder of Kremelife.

New Bias Hooded High Back Chair, Stephanie Chair, Bias table, and Oinks piggy banks by furniture designer Alexander Purcell of Aprro Design.

Outdoor lounge chair and two Carrera marble side tables by BC Workshop.

Two Blossom vases in white and silver designed by Elena Manferdini for Alessi.

Brass Eclipse table by Downtown.

Lighting and ceramic servingware by Lesley Anton.

Rita Cadillac necklace by Shorouk whose jewelry is carried at La Boutique in Jackson Square.

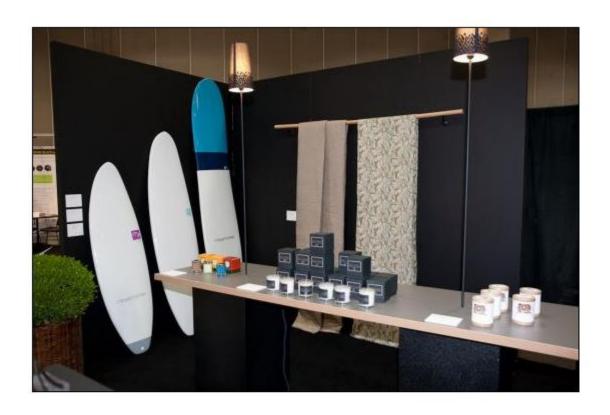
Here's a look at the exhibit and some of the pieces. (And, if you happen to be in LA, you can still catch the last day of the show and exhibit today).







BC Workshop Outdoor Round Table by Lika Moore is made of cotton sashing, powder coated iron, and honed Carrera marble. The Outdoor Lounge Chair (left front) is also by BC Workshop. The Triangle table is also made by Moore. The Stephanie Chair (right) is by Alexander Purcell.





A look inside the gallery with a seating area for guests.



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Alexander Purcell's new leather Bias Chair.

I can't wait to do it all over again next year.

To check out the exhibit, go to Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall.

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