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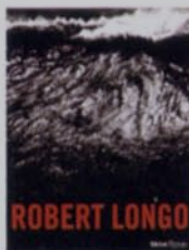
house of style

Yves Saint Laurent modernized couture, made tuxedos chic for women, and endowed peacoats, trousers, and safari jackets with high style. Paris's Petit Palais hosts the largest retrospective ever of the legendary designer, with more than 300 pieces, including this 1980 feather coat and chiffon dress. From March 11 to August 29; yslretrospective.com.



GROUP DYNAMIC

Long after his death, Pablo Picasso continues to surprise, as a show of his late work in New York City demonstrated last year. So his effect as a young, revolutionary artist was clearly profound. "Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris," at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, examines his enormous impact on the city's art scene, with more than 180 works, including *Bullfight*, 1934, pictured, as well as paintings by Juan Gris, Georges Braque, Joan Miró, and others. From February 24 to April 25; philamuseum.org.



ROBERT LONGO



READING LIST

Robert Longo (Skira/Rizzoli, \$55) spans the career of the Brooklyn-born artist, from his landmark 1980s series "Men in the Cities" to his recent abstract images. The trippy aesthetic of the fashion house founded by the Italian aristocrat stars in *Emilio Pucci* (Taschen, \$200); each copy is bound in one of the iconic Pucci fabrics. In *Perfect Porches* (Clarkson Potter, \$35), Paula S. Wallace, president of the Savannah College of Art and Design, highlights 33 chic outdoor living spaces and offers advice on lighting, furnishings, and fabrics.



THINKING SMALL

NEED TO MAKE THE MOST OF A LIMITED SPACE? FIVE DESIGNERS OFFER SOLUTIONS FOR THE SQUARE-FOOTAGE-CHALLENGED

• "A generously scaled sofa, mirror, chair, rug, or piece of furniture will trick the eye," notes designer Mariette Himes Gomez, who placed a large Gothic bookcase in a small alcove of her Manhattan apartment, left. "What could have been a generous closet became a modest library."

- "Always make sure each piece is multiuse," says decorator **Alessandra Branca**. "A drop-front secretary provides a bookcase, desk, and chest all in one, and a desk or table can be great for both dining and working."
- Interior decorator **Alex Papachristidis** recommends creating a glamorous jewel box: "Use larger patterns on the fabrics. Stencil the floors and upholster the walls. With a small room, think grand—I always do."
- Designer **Suzanne Kasler** says: "Add a wall of mirrors. Immediately the space will seem exponentially larger." Or, she suggests, "display a collection of any item en masse to add character to the space."
- According to decorator **Amanda Nisbet**, a petite room is "inherently cozy," so it's best to make it warm and inviting. "Paint it a dark glossy color or cover the walls in a deep, sumptuous velvet, felt, or wool. Add a large comfortable sofa and one small chair, and many different sources of light to create a soft atmosphere. I always like to have a cashmere throw at hand to nestle in, as well."

Prints Charming

Liberty of London has teamed with Target to put its iconic prints on a new line of housewares and fashions. More than 25 colorful patterns are arrayed on 300 items, from bedding to bicycles. Available beginning March 14 at Target stores and online; prices start at \$2.49 for a salad plate. Call 800-440-0680 or visit target.com.



RIZZO RETURNS

Photographer and designer Willy Rizzo has collaborated with esteemed firm Mallett on new limited-edition pieces evocative of his sought-after '70s designs, including the Flaminia end table, shown. For information, call 212-249-8783 or go to mallettantiques.com.