

TRENDS

ARTISAN ATTITUDE

THE TALK of the town in High Point was the trend toward handmade, one-of-a-kind designs. As buyers continue to be more dollar-conscious than ever, these limited edition or handmade products were standouts, receiving high marks for their premium quality, attention to detail and innovation, with character to boot.

Keep in mind it's not just the products, but the process and hands-on techniques used that create such noteworthy appeal. Think of hand-dyed treatments where each piece will be slightly different, ensuring a truly individualistic accent with a personality all its own. Many furnishings were made of reclaimed wood or roots, making identical duplication impossible. Techniques for making couture fashion gowns transferred over to pillow appliques, where each fold of fabric was hand-sewn and hand-cut.

The immense amount of time and detail put into creating each offering ensures a degree of uniqueness that can't be produced using machinery. A handmade revolution is under way. — LINDSEY STRADER



Salvador Dalí imagery details **The Phillips Collection's** limited edition vases, bestowing artisanal appeal.

Handmade in the Philippines using a technique for making couture fashion gowns, the organza and poly silk blend pillows feature individually hand-cut and sewn fabric remnants and embellishments from **DB Sources**.

Global Views' cowhide Grinch pouf features a hand-dyed treatment creating color variations in each pouf, ensuring that no two are exactly alike, finished with nailhead trim.