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Mex It Up

No need for a field trip south of the border to find that perfect statement piece. Following the 100th anniversary of the Mexican Revolution, the state of Baja California compiled nine Mexican custom design artisans under one roof in Miramar. **Home by Baja** stocks

a mix of classic and contemporary Mexican-style (homebybaja.com). There are ornate designs by Fausto Polanco for the Hacienda Collection, intricate Zavala Iron Doors, colorful stained glass by Vidrios Mundiales and handmade El Porton wood doors.

“But what surprises many are the clean, modern, minimalist SOMO Furniture designs that are such a dramatic departure from the expected,” says Home by Baja’s Miguel Ochoa. Baja Mod, anyone? —*Stacy Rauert*

SHOW PONY The new Home by Baja stocks artisan and modern Mexican designs.



Work It

The trend of communal office space continues from downtown to Solana Beach. Take Hive770 from local architect and real estate developer **Graham Downes** (hivehaus.net). He turned one of his old office buildings on 11th Avenue into communal space, where hipsters can opt for private office space or a spot at a communal table dubbed the Swarm. And he kept the building’s warehouse feel with exposed piping, brick walls, and frosted sliding screens. “It’s centrally located, it feels good, and it’s better than Starbucks,” he says, adding that he recently launched Hive241 on 14th Street and has hopes for more. The idea is such a hit that architect **Sean MacLeod** is opening phase two of CedrosWorks in Solana Beach (cedrosworks.com). He brings the outdoors inside the industrial work space, placing trees under skylights. “People are coming out of their home offices. They want an address along with a collective and collaborative atmosphere,” he says. —*SR*