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BUYER'S EDGE SOUTHERN MADE

Elements for your home

Liven your rooms with decorative books, chic tables, light sculptures.

By **Linda Jerkins**
For the AJC

Cover story

As designers know, books can add interest to a room. Especially decorative books by Atlanta's Eddie Lawrence.

The founder: Eddie Lawrence Edwards, frequently goes by Eddie Lawrence, grew up in Stone Mountain and graduated from Georgia State University with a business degree. He worked as a territory sales manager for decorative accessories manufacturers and imported antiques from Europe before focusing on books.

The company: E. Lawrence Ltd. is an Atlanta-based purveyor of leather-bound books and handmade parchment bound books. Founded in 1996, the company has been at its current location since 2012.

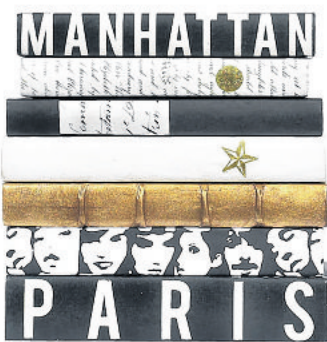
The goods: Artfully rebound books and journals (\$35 to \$45 each). Also original antiquarian leather-bound books (\$35 to \$125). Books are deconstructed and rebound by hand. The designs are printed on handmade paper in the company's workshop on Atlanta's Westside.

Top covers: Neutral palettes, fashion and travel; antiquarian leather-bound covers.

Claim to fame: Known as "the decorative book guy" to designers and others.

Find Eddie:
www.elawrenceltd.com

Where to buy: Interior Homescapes (interiorhomescapes.com), an Atlanta-based online retailer. Also at home stores in the Atlanta area, including: Interior Philosophy, 4411 Roswell Road, and Bungalow Classic, 1197 Howell Mill Road. Waiting on Martha (waitingonmartha.com), a popular Atlanta-based blog with an online shop, occasionally does pop up shops featuring the books.



Atlanta-based company makes artfully rebound books and journals. CONTRIBUTED BY E. LAWRENCE LTD.

BEST OF THE SOUTH

Do you have favorite finds from around the South that you give as gifts, buy for your home or rave about to friends? If so, send your suggestions to: ljerkins@gmail.com. Also find more Southern-made products, featured in the AJC, at Southernfinds on Facebook or [twitter@southernfinds](https://twitter.com/southernfinds).



The popular Jax coffee table is made in Atlanta by GREY furniture. CONTRIBUTED BY GREY FURNITURE

Table talk

Three years ago, Atlanta's Sarah Atkinson quit her day job to follow her passion for furniture design.

The company: GREY furniture was founded in 2012. The Atlanta-based company produces a fresh yet timeless collection of tables and lighting.

The founder: Studied interior design at Georgia State. After graduation, worked in a furniture showroom in Atlanta for 10 years before starting her company.

Materials: For tables: hardwoods, steel, glass and concrete. For lighting, solid brass, plus raw and powder-coated steel.

What's popular: The Jax coffee table (\$3,250). It can be classic or modern depending on the table-top material and the finish. The best-selling light fixture is the Spark (\$1,235), which looks great hanging alone or in a group.

Other favorites: The Flute console (\$4,680) in oiled walnut and the Aerial chandelier is (\$4,950)

Fun or unusual request: Last year GREY was commissioned to make a pair of massive brass lights for the HGTV's "Urban Oasis" in Atlanta. One fixture had custom-spun brass shades and more than 24 lights. It took more than 40 hours to build.

Claim to fame: Named one of "15 under 40" in Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles magazine's 2014 list of Atlanta's young tastemakers.

Where to buy:
www.greyfurniture.com

Just add light

Virginia artist Rebekah Graves creates warm, inviting spaces with her hand-crafted light sculpture.

The founder: Born on a rural farm in Virginia, Graves attended the University of Virginia and earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Architecture. In her final year at college, she developed an original process

of sculpting organic forms in porcelain and casting each shape using Japanese and Nepalese hand-made papers.

The company: Rebekah Graves designs and creates hand-made sculptural lighting in her studio at the McGuffey Art Center in downtown Charlottesville, Va. Her company, Rebekah Graves Lightscapes, was first developed in 2005 and provides residential and commercial lighting, as well as temporary installations for galleries and events.

The goods: Handmade pendants. Honeycomb pendant (\$900); Series 5 pendant (\$650); Globe pendant (\$450); Drip pendant (\$375); and Drop pendant (\$325). Each pendant is hand-made by the artist with subtle variation. Multiples encouraged.

Materials: Porcelain, Japanese and Nepalese hand-made papers, archival pva (adhesive), hardware, and wiring for assembly.

What's popular: The Honeycomb pendant (\$900) was the first light sculpture created. It is cult classic.

Other favorites: Golden

light bowls. Paper clay votives with a gold interior that provide ambient lighting throughout the home. (\$25-\$75)

Fun or unusual request: Created a magical lightscape installation for a designer's birthday party in the horse stable of a historic castle on Afton Mountain in Virginia.

Big break: Representation by the Martin Nash Showroom in the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center (ADAC).

Claim to fame: Designed a custom shape and installation for a collector who also has Aqua Creations lighting in her home, a favorite line of the designer.

What's next: A series of forged metal light cages dressed in hand-dyed silks, wall-mounted light boxes, and large-scaled installations for special events.

Where to buy:
www.rebekahgraves.com. Also at Martin Nash Showroom in ADAC, 351 Peachtree Hills, Suite 308, where the pieces can be seen and purchased through the showroom's in-house designer or a designer of your choosing.



Virginia artist creates light sculptures for residential and commercial lighting. CONTRIBUTED BY WWW.REBEKAHGRAVES.COM

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ROGUE LOVE

Following the debut of her first scent for men, Rogue Love by Rihanna is a companion fragrance designed for the singer's female fans. The floral scent, inspired by the rush of feelings when love strikes, features notes of mandarin, honeysuckle, amber and vanilla. Macy's has a gift set for \$69 which includes a 4.2-ounce and a 0.5-ounce eau de parfum spray.



SCULPT WHILE YOU SLEEP

Clinique's Repairwear Sculpting Night Cream is a new overnight moisturizer designed to tone and lift skin on the jawline and neck while you sleep. The cream features eight de-aging ingredients to help skin bounce back. Whey protein and Acetyl Hexapeptide-8 help boost collagen production, Coleus Barbatous Extract helps improve sagging areas, white birch extract and vitamin C protect skin from environmental damage and linoleic acid helps prevent dehydration. The cream-gel is suitable for all skin types and costs \$65 at Clinique counters.



FACES OF TOLEDO

Isabel and Ruben Toledo, one of fashion's most dynamic couples, have teamed up with MAC for a limited edition collection that blends Isabel's love of color and Ruben's energetic illustrations with a range of MAC products. The collection, in white packaging with faces drawn in graphic lines and red-lips, includes three eye shadow palettes (\$44 each), Modern Twist Lash mascara (\$24), PearlGlide Intense Eye Liner (\$17.50), lipstick (\$17.50), Lipglass (\$16.50), ombre blush (\$32), nail polish (\$13.50) and more. The colors range from peachy nudes to deep blood reds. Make a statement with mascara in Chlorafill, a bright lime or Blush Ombre in Kindergarten Red, a crimson, to pale nude. The collection is available through April 2 at MAC stores.

Buyer's Edge Where can I find it?

By **Sabine Morrow**
For the AJC

Q: I have a beautiful Persian lamb coat that my mom gave me. I would like to have it made into a reversible vest. Where in Atlanta can I find a reputable and fashionable designer to have it remade? I am always hot and don't really wear coats. I know that I would love it and use it if I could have it made into a cold weather vest. Thank you. — *Marcy Siegel, Marietta*

A: Marcy, I have a good friend who had a fur coat that she had made into a lining for her denim jacket, and she's delighted with the outcome. She took it to Helen Frushtick Furs, 4375 Cobb Parkway, Atlanta, 404-659-2257. The furri-

er has been in the Atlanta area for about 50 years. When you call, ask for Connie.

Q: I've been trying to find a manual coffee grinder for some time now. Could you possibly point me in any direction? — *Gerard Turner, email*

A: The Hario Skerton manual coffee grinder is a Japanese product that's pretty popular with the DIY coffee crowd. The adjustable hand grinder is lightweight and features a conical ceramic burr mechanism. It also includes a storage lid to keep grounds fresh. It's available locally for \$49.95 at Crate and Barrel, 3400 Around Lenox Drive, Atlanta, 404-239-0008.

Q: On a trip to China in 2006, I was able to purchase two bottles of Simengdi Bio-Gold Pearl cream. Let me tell you, this cream made my skin feel like silk. My skin glowed, felt soft to the touch and I could go without makeup. I have written to the company in China several times but with no results. I read your article every Sunday, so I decided to email you with hopes that you will be able to locate the cream here in Georgia or through mail order. — *Katherine Eberhart, Atlanta*

A: Bio-Gold Pearl cream comes as beads holding one application each. Ingredients include ganoderma extract (a type of mushroom), vitamin E and hyaluronic acid. You can purchase your face cream

through several online retailers. I found the best price through www.amazon.com, where you can order a 360-gram bottle for \$18.74, including shipping. You'll find several options on eBay with various price points.

Q: I have been purchasing Goya dried red kidney beans from Kroger for almost six years now. However, for the last several months, they have not had them in either of the Kroger stores in my neighborhood. Would you please tell me where I can find Goya dried red kidney beans in Atlanta? Thanks. — *Sonya Comer, Douglasville*

A: Sonya, I've got a great resource for your Goya dried beans that allows you to stock

up for quite a while. Head for Hispanic aisle five at Buford Highway Farmers Market, 5600 Buford Highway, Doraville, 770-455-0770. The store stocks myriad dried beans, including 14-ounce bags of Goya dried red kidney beans for \$1.95, and four-pound bags for \$8.99.

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