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HEAT:**  
THE BAG  
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HAVE  
YOU  
BEEN  
**SNAPPED?**

**3** SUMMER  
SOUPS  
KEEP IT  
COOL

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An Adams roomscape

by design

## Interior motives

While Dallas' bland topography sends some packing for the hills, University of North Texas grad student **MEGAN ADAMS** sits tight and gets creative.

"When I was at SMU, I wanted to paint beautiful landscapes," says the 27-year-old Highland Park native. "Given the nature of Dallas, my teacher suggested I find something else."

And so she did — in the form of interior landscapes as colorfully lush and layered as any found outdoors. (Dorothy Draper, meet Mother Nature.) Passion sparked, Adams eventually enrolled at UNT to study textile design. Now just a year away from her MFA, she's launched a line of fabrics —

inspired by nature, of course. Lampshades crafted from her boldly printed silks and linens joined the line-up this spring.

Down the road, Adams hopes to build a fully loaded home goods label. "I'd love to see an entire room setting out of my stuff," she confides. In the meantime, see her work by appointment, or get a preview this month during a limited-run display at Fashion on Main, at the Universities Center at Dallas, 1901 Main St., 214-915-1900.

And she's still painting, too. Megan Adams Designs, 214-793-4113, [meganadamsdesigns.com](http://meganadamsdesigns.com)

*Brittany Edwards*



**Natural woman:** UNT grad student Megan Adams with some of her fabrics



**Setting pretty:** Jacqueline Cambata Designs Shangri-La tray, \$798, the Lotus Shop

shop talk

## Small world

Globally produced fashion and housewares have revamped an unlikely space: **THE LOTUS SHOP** at the Crow Collection of Asian Art. Managing consultant Dean Driver, who has a background in luxury marketing, recently reformulated the compact, 350-square-foot boutique near the museum's entrance.

"I've been traveling the world, to Paris, Frankfurt ... to try to find things that no one else has in Dallas — or the U.S.," says Driver. Scores include embroidered clothing from Abraham & Thakore, a New Delhi line with a Singapore-born designer; Red Flower organic perfumes and bath products; and Vietnamese Ekobo spun-bamboo bowls (one recently went home with Fashionista Heidi Dillon, Driver reports).

Porcelain tableware by Mumbai-born designer Jacqueline Cambata is another find. Inspired by India's Mughal Empire, Cambata's Shangri-La and Elephant Shantih collections are crafted in Limoges, France, with a portion of proceeds benefiting women's microfinance groups in India.

Kids' items include Lucky Wang kimonos and Yesterday's News colored pencils fashioned from copies of Beijing People's Daily.

"We started from scratch, basically," Driver says. "I just saw the need for a neat boutique that still keeps our ties to Asian culture and the arts."

Lotus Shop at the Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St., [crowcollection.org](http://crowcollection.org). Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. Thursdays.

*Jessica Elliott*

## overnight sensation Lofty ideals

You can bet the new **NYLO DALLAS AT LAS COLINAS** will be style friendly with its urban loft-inspired guest rooms. Turns out, the hotel will be eco-friendly, too. The five-story overnight (a sister to NYLO Plano at Legacy) will run on 100-percent Renewable Energy Certificate-based electricity, giving it bragging rights as TXU Energy's first hotel customer to run exclusively on energy generated from renewable

sources such as wind or solar. Other cool features include designated Pure rooms (perfect for allergy-prone out-of-towners who don't appreciate your pooch) and the Loft, the hotel's high-design restaurant and bar.

Reservations are now being accepted for July 27 forward; rooms from \$79.

NYLO Dallas at Las Colinas, 1001 W. Royal Lane, Irving, 972-373-8900

*Christopher Wynn*



**Poolside** at NYLO Dallas at Las Colinas