

HOMEY IN HUMBOLDT Every neighborhood needs a good vintage furniture shop, right? But Humboldt Park did not have one—until Claire Tibbs opened **Humboldt House Co.** in the spring. The mostly mid-mod selection includes such pieces as a ten-foot velvet sectional sofa (\$720) spotted on a recent visit and the walnut and cane hutch and cabinet shown here (\$960). Tibbs also sells work by Chicago artists. 1045 N. California Ave., humboldthouseco.com



shop talk

SHOWROOM SHOWDOWN Ladies and gentlemen, start your reno. Several new kitchen and bath showrooms have opened in River North. German company **Bulthaup** is showing off its contemporary cabinets at a new location, 313 W. Superior St. (chicago.bulthaup.com). Kitchen design veteran Doug Durbin has opened **nuHaus** (shown below), which offers highly customizable cabinets, both modern and traditional, at 120 W. Hubbard St. (nuhaus.com). Community Home Supply, the reliable Lincoln Square kitchen and bath fixture shop, now has an outpost with a fancier vibe—**Community II**—at 220 W. Kinzie St., Suite 300 (communityhomesupply.com). Also in the fixtures department, Milwaukee-based **Graff**, which manufactures plumbing products in a variety of styles, has opened at LuxeHome in the Merchandise Mart (graff-faucets.com). And finally, a foodie alert: Cooking demos abound at **GE Monogram**, a flagship for the appliance company's professional-grade and up-market products, also at LuxeHome (monogram.com).



A LOVELY WRECK

In the sea of big-box furniture stores in Lincoln Park (Crate & Barrel, West Elm, Pottery Barn), it's refreshing to see a shop that's unique and personality-driven. That personality is Neil Galati's, and that shop is **Wreck Creation**. Finds include a mirror made from an old drum (\$350), a coffee table fashioned out of an old trunk (\$650), and a dog bed with an attached bowl made out of an abandoned armchair (\$350). Also find decorative wall art made of reclaimed wood, such as the piece above (\$3,000). 1659 N. Halsted St., wreck-creation.com



ALL SET UP Sue Fichter knows how to set a table. She has just opened her third location of **The Perfect Setting**, on the Gold Coast (the others are in Geneva and Lake Forest). The diminutive new shop is packed with alluring merchandise, including linens and tabletop wares from such upscale brands as William Yeoward, MacKenzie-Childs, and Simon Pearce. What's Fichter's secret to a perfect setting? "Tealights," she says. "Five or six of them scattered down the center of the table is always elegant. Add a few simple vases with twigs and berries, and your centerpiece is done." 67 E. Oak St., perfectsettingonline.com