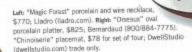


market place

flights of fancy

Birds fly among the trees on a handpainted Chinese scenic wall covering from Gracie Inc. (graciestudio.com) trade only. Steek, black furnishings pop against the bright background.



Bird decoration is traditional and goes back *for centuries*.

Take Los Angeles-based Kevin Corn and his traditional painted furniture in plaids and stripes, for instance. He took his oue from the casual apparel indigenous to the California fashion scene.

"Printed T-shirts are trendy and make a cultural statement here," he explains.
"I've developed printed furniture with the same idea in mind. I'm not a modernist, and prefer the lines of traditional furniture, but there needs to be some element that makes classic pieces pop so they are relevant to now."

Each of his pieces features a handscreened surprise, as in the bird silhouette on a tray table (shown on page 30).

Textile designer and photographer Bonnee Sharp used the birds she frequently photographs on Dallas telephone wires to direct the pattern of her hand-screened cotton canvas fabric titled "Wired." "Bird decoration is very ➤ Belew: "Faux Bois" two-tiered silverplate cake stand with bird, \$225; Lunt (funtsilver.com), and "Wire Birds," bottom, \$245 for set of four; Oly Studio (olystudio.com). Both trade only, "Sweet Sounds of the Morning" porcelain bird, \$325; Lladro (lladro.com).











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of many creatures," says Hunter,

with an avian theme, a notecard

serving as an airborne messenger,

feathered friends, bird-adomed pieces

or porcelain decorated with fine

are sure to fly in high style.

Whether it's a whimsical lamp

Above: "Rockin Robin" thenk-you cards and "Tweets" correspondence cards, \$12-\$17 per set; Snow & Graham through Broadway Paper (broadwaypaper.com). Left "Birds in Peril" wall panels, \$360 each; PierceMartin (800)334-8701) trade only.