



## Vanity fair

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**There's method in making** a flea-market chest or a hand-me-down mirrored vanity with no pedigree look appealingly rustic, not shabby. Think like Ralph Lauren, the undisputed master of transforming not-so-old into Old World, and combine accents with texture, shine and color. Vary the heights of the objects, add a lush bouquet of spring flowers, and voila.

**I**n an antiqued mercury glass pedestal by Roost adds light and height to an arrangement while providing an additional surface for smaller items. *Small \$85, large \$120 at [www.velocityartanddesign.com](http://www.velocityartanddesign.com).*



**2** Roost's alabaster frame with a hand-carved vine motif will showcase the smallest of snapshots and adds texture to a tableau. Also available in two other patterns. *\$19 at [www.velocityartanddesign.com](http://www.velocityartanddesign.com).*

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Both useful and decorative — with its pop of red — the recent **"Parisian Chic"** guide offers tips from former Chanel muse Inés de la Fressange on how to dress, decorate and shop like a Parisian. If only ... *\$17.97 at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).*



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Everything looks better in candlelight. Bring on the glow with this **Blithe and Bonny candle**, handcrafted of soy wax, scented in lavender and lit by a lead-free wick. Also available in grapefruit and honey-almond. *\$26 at Anthropologie (3222 M St. NW, 202-337-1363; 5406 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, 301-654-1481) and [www.anthropologie.com](http://www.anthropologie.com).*

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A crackly glaze on this pitcher, shown at left, gives it a "True Grit" vibe — as if it stood on a washstand of a century or two ago. *\$50 at Urban Country, 7117 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, 301-654-0500.*



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