NEW+NEXT DESIGN SCENTS

Polished bronze “Lantern” table (amysomerville.com)

Octagonal-cut “Gem” table by RISD-grad Debra Folz (debrafolz.com)

Flashy faceted box by Alessandro Mendrizzato (fairhomecollection.com)

Brilliant Beauty
A fashion exhibition of Best Dressed List—Jacqueline de Ribes is set for the Met.

Polished amethyst pull (matthewstudiosny.com)

Liquid Gems
Like expensive jewelry, sophisticated scents reflect your flawless, brilliant style

As dazzling as jumbo jewels, diamond-cut furnishings add shiny, seductive surfaces, clean lines, and glamour to any room. Traditional Home’s perfume expert Pamela Vaile takes her cues from this season’s faceted furnishings, offering us the perfume equivalents. “If you’re drawn to luminous, geometric shapes, consider crisp, sophisticated scents such as Kilian’s Vodka on the Rocks,” says Pamela, who was also inspired by the angular features of style icon Jacqueline de Ribes. A fashion designer and French noblewoman, de Ribes, who was discovered by Vogue’s Diana Vreeland, is the subject of an upcoming retrospective at the Met’s Costume Institute (opening in November). “She’s a brilliant, radiant beauty,” says Pamela, and, like Babe Paley and Lee Radziwill, one of Truman Capote’s jet-set swans.

Glam Rocks

Lineage: From Japanese origami to Dutch De Stijl designer Gerrit Rietveld’s tensile chair and Josef Hoffmann’s Wiener Werkstätte glass to Frank Lloyd Wright’s “Taliesin West” chair and granite furniture by the late artist Scott Burton, faceted shapes and patterns repeat through history.

Design ancestors: Parquetry floors, cut-glass doorknobs, Tramp art, Amish quilts, and mirrored furniture.

Jewel-like architecture: Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland; Missouri Botanical Center’s Climator; Manhattan’s Baccarat Hotel and One World Trade Center; Shigeru Ban’s Cardboard Cathedral in New Zealand; Zaha Hadid’s Guangzhou Opera House in China.

Secret source: Billy Haines’s “Ice Crystals” sconces (williamhaines.com); Asscher cut boxes (alexandraronforstenberg.com); “Topaz Jewelry” diamond wallpaper (brettdesignwallpaper.com); facet-cut vases (shop.neuegalerie.org).

Clear-cut winners: Orrefors and Baccarat

Glam-rock designer: Kelly Wearstler

Pamela’s Picks
1) Kilian’s Vodka on the rocks (“a mix of crystalline ice and intoxicating warmth”)
2) Olfiative Studio’s Ombre Indigo (“exotic and seductive”)
3) Comme des Garçons’ Wonderwoods (“ancient woods and modern spices”)
4) Balenciaga’s B. Balenciaga (“fresh, woody, and feminine”)
5) Byredo’s Mojave Ghost (“Oriental floral made with rare ambergris”)
6) Diana Vreeland’s Outrageously Vibrant (“big opulent floral”)