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TV GUIDE: A Georgian-revival re-do on HGTV's *Generation Renovation*.

## VICARIOUS LIVING

If you're an architecture aficionado, a history buff or just dreaming of redoing your own old house, you'll want to tune into the premiere of *Generation Renovation* this month on cable's Home & Garden Television (HGTV). Hosted by SF native Gaard Swanson and filmed throughout the country, the 30-minute episodes peer into neglected lofts, condos and homes dating from the 1800s all the way up to the 1980s. Watch as fellow homeowners bring their digs back to life. *Wednesdays at 8 p.m., beginning Nov. 3, www.hgtv.com.*



**AU NATUREL:** Here, the base of Kyu Che's clean-lined, marble-topped Kyu Table is mahogany.

## TWO TOP

The coolness of marble plays off the warmth of wood in the Kyu Table at *Limn* (290 Townsend St., 415-543-5466, [www.limn.com](http://www.limn.com)). The designer, San Franciscan Kyu Che, sets a slab of Italian Calacatta marble atop a light oak or dark mahogany base. "The shapes and lines are inspired by the works of my heroes: Brancusi, Noguchi, Saarinen," says Che. Meanwhile, his latest project, a sculptural bench embedded with a light-emitting diode flashing in a heartbeat rhythm, reveals his inner technophile.

## TREND WATCH: WHEN MORE IS MORE

Gone are the days of tasteful minimalism. With eye-popping paisley prints, rich textured tweeds and bold stripes, the design world makes a turn to patterns and big color. Interiors specialists Marta Koepke and Jeffrey Sharp, of *Either Or Design* (900 Chestnut St., 415-706-8721, [www.eitherordesign.com](http://www.eitherordesign.com)), predict a palette of berries and browns paired with cool tones, as well as metallic accents in bronze and stainless-steel mesh, saying "we're inspired by fashion and vintage boutiques." The two love playing with texture, gravitating to woven grass cloth on the walls and faux fur under bare feet. Grant Gibson, the owner of *Grant K. Gibson Interior Design* (1355 California St., 415-939-0243, [www.grantkgibson.com](http://www.grantkgibson.com)), says his latest work combines dark chocolate with hot pink, chartreuse and robin's-egg blue. "We're bringing back herringbone, tweeds, argyle and pin-stripes and updating them in vibrant blues and browns." Gibson's can't-live-without? "The light-blue Bedford sofa from the Williams-Sonoma home collection." As far as the folks at *Silk Trading Co.* (1616A 16th St., 415-282-5574) are concerned, paisley is making a comeback. The textile purveyors' new Kismet collection includes paisleys in pinks, browns and purples on hand-embroidered drapes and bedding from Asia, Italy and India.



**COLOR NATION:** This year, Silk Trading Co. offers paisleys (left) as well as bold stripes, grassy greens and rich pinks (below).



**HUMAN EVOLUTION:** Consultants Jeffrey Sharp and Marta Koepke (left) believe "your space should evolve with you."

