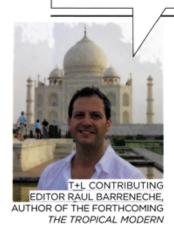


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Can you recommend a few great museum shops?

-JOE NILES, WATERLOO, ILL.

"The Musée des Arts Décoratifs (33-1/42-60-64-94: lesartsdecoratifs.fr), in Paris, has a well-edited selection of European ceramics. Vienna's MAK-Austrian Museum of Applied Arts/Contemporary Art (43-1/711-360; mak.at) and the Istanbul Modern (90-212/334-7300; istanbulmodern.org) spotlight cutting-edge creations. One recent find at MAK: a cotton-and-mesh breadbasket resembling a folded napkin. Tokyo's Mori Art Museum (81-3/5777-8600; mori.art.museum) is worth the 52-story elevator ride for the colorful textiles, while the 18th-century **Museo Franz Mayer** (52-155/5518-2266; franzmayer.org.mx), in Mexico City, houses an excellent decorative-arts collection. If you're looking to splurge, the best in Viennese design—from reproductions of Biedermeier wallpaper to J&L Lobmeyr crystal—can be found at New York City's Neue Galerie (212/628-6200; neuegalerie.org)."



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