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# Dream Decor

Give nine of Chicago's most elite and respected interior designers a blank palette and free reign to create their fantasy spaces, and you're bound to have dreamy results. That's the reasoning behind The Merchandise Mart's DreamHome 2008: Fashion At Home design exhibition. Partnering with Elle Decor magazine, they invited top Chicago designers to create a house's worth of fashion-forward living spaces, using furnishings from The Mart's own wealth of designer showrooms. We selected four of our favorite rooms and asked the designers to share their inspirations. Dream on!

## The Terrace Designed by Laura Barnett



*"As a Chicagoan living in the city, I drew my inspiration from the urban landscape. Taking an architectural approach to the space, I created a penthouse terrace atop one of the many new luxury buildings."*

*Laura Barnett, founder, Laura Barnett Designs, Inc.*

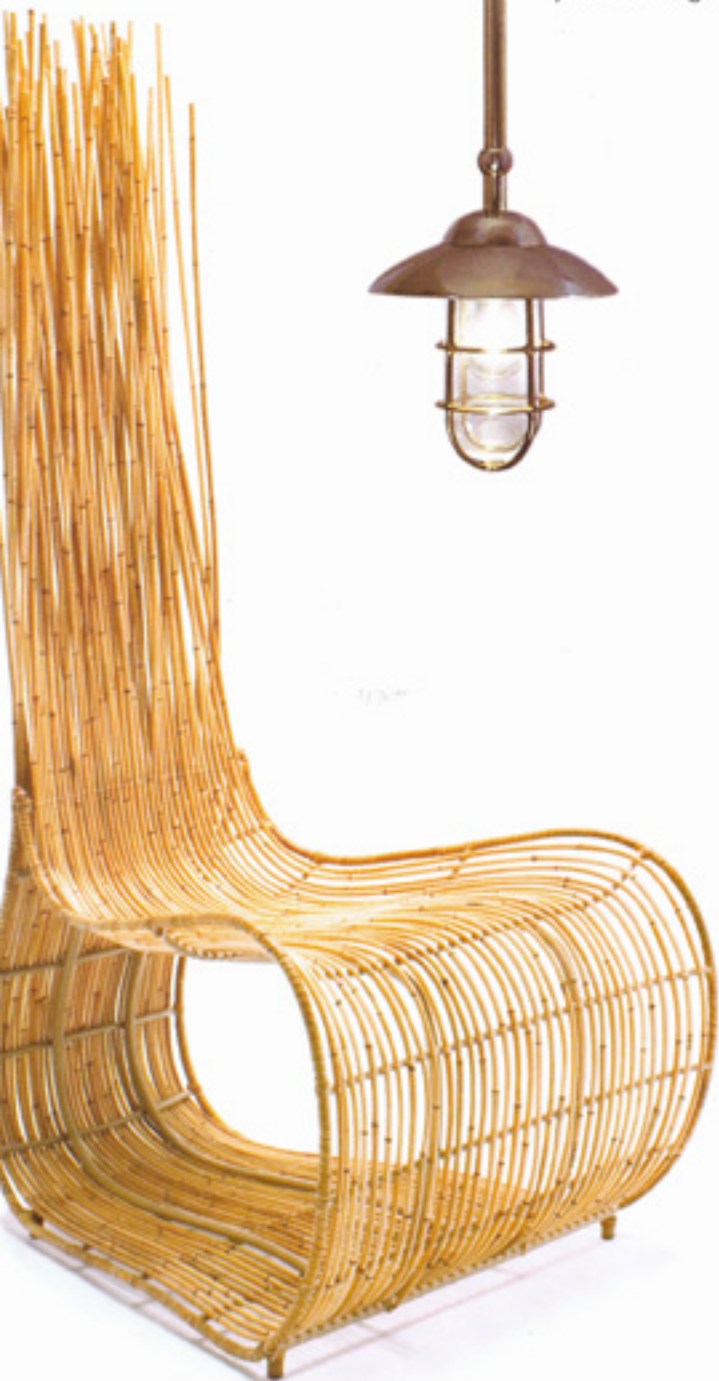
### RESOURCES

FOSSIL COFFEE TABLE STONE TOP, FILSINGER CHICAGO, SUITE 1870  
AZIMUTH LINEAR LOUNGE CHAIRS AND YODA CHAIRS, JANUS ET CIE, SUITE 1876  
BULKHEAD PENDANT HANGING LIGHTS, URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY, SUITE 108

*"The bulkhead lights from Urban Archeology descending from the overhang are completely waterproof. They are beautifully engineered so that both the protective cage and the glass shade easily screw off to replace the bulb and provide a tight fit to keep out the elements."*



*"The four Azimuth lounge chairs from JANUS et Cie have metal frames finished for outdoor use, but the quality is so spectacular, you could consider them for indoors as well. The upholstery is weather resistant, but feels like fabric, not plastic."*



*"The pair of Yoda chairs (named for the Greek letter, not the Star Wars character!) is constructed of natural bamboo, which is bent into shape and lacquered red (pictured here in a natural finish). Not only are they fabulous art forms, but they are truly comfortable." ■*

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