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1. Growing Up

Given New York's compact outdoor spaces, Migeon likes to think vertically when it comes to landscaping. greenscreen's modular, welded-wire trellis system allows climbing plants to become green sculpture. Best of all, Migeon says, whether assembled as a fence, a column, or a more complex shape, "once you have some wisteria over it, it disappears." greenscreen, greenscreen.com

wish list

Looking Glass

Vancouver, B.C.-based Joel Berman Glass Studios produces art glass for architectural applications, using kiln-forming and pressure-forming techniques to achieve a wide range of colors, textures, and effects. "It's more art form than industrial product," says Migeon. "It's all about how the light hits the surface. I wish I could use more of it, but it's hard to find the right client for it." Joel Berman Glass Studios, jbermanglass.com Also on Nicole Migeon's wish list: Schüco windows.

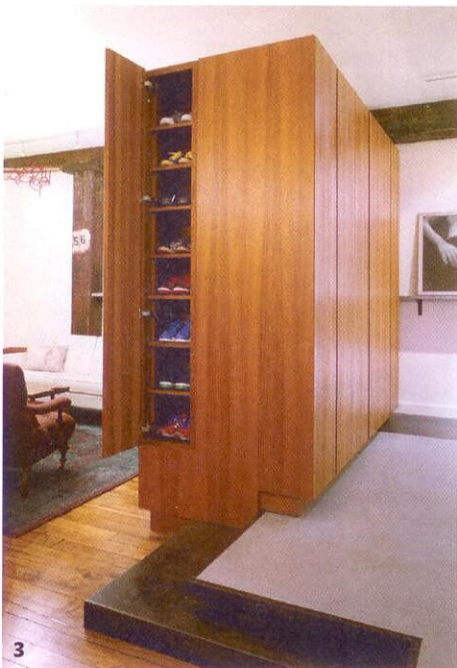


2. Sun Shower

Migeon enjoys working with relatively small fabricators that straddle the line between art and industry—and London-based Ochre is one. “They do beautiful objects,” says Migeon, who offers as an example the company’s Light Drizzle lighting fixture. “I like this one because of the droplets,” she says. “Day or night, the reflections it makes are beautiful.” Ochre, ochre.net

3. Whole Grain

Migeon adds warmth to her modern interiors with custom millwork, and her favorite source for facing material is FormWood Industries. The company offers more than 100 species and cuts of wood, from afrormosia to zebrawood, in paper-backed, laminate-backed, pressure-sensitive, and hot-melt-glue-backed veneers. “And you can get them book-matched,” Migeon says. She used FormWood in the project shown at far left. FormWood Industries, formwood.com



4. Pixilated

While drawn to unique products and materials, Migeon also energizes her work with creative applications of time-honored staples like porcelain mosaic tiles from American Olean, shown at left in a firm project. “I’m very interested in pattern,” Migeon says, “and they’ll do a customization of a pattern. They’re very easy to work with; I can just go down to the local store.” American Olean, americanolean.com



RA For more of Nicole Migeon’s favorites, including Philips Color Kinetics LED lighting and Waterworks’ Henry Collection fittings, visit residentialarchitect.com.