

## Here's How to Shop the Hardware Store Like a Designer

Consider this your playbook for navigating one of the most overwhelming stores!

**T**he hardware store is daunting to many of us because of its size and massive inventory of goods. It's often rare to spend less than an hour at these stores, let alone buy all the correct items. That being said, hardware stores can be hidden gems for finding beautiful items for the home. We've asked interior designers for their best advice when navigating the secret realms of the hardware store, from finding the right product to creating unique projects.

## Designers Share Their Favorite Hardware Store Finds

The hardware store might not be your first thought for designer details, but there are a lot of hidden treasures if you know where to look. Here are nine designer-tested, secret sources that will prove invaluable for upgrading your home:

Stylish luxury designer paper plates and napkins are an unexpected find for outdoor entertaining according to Carole Malloy of [Josephine Design House](#). "Ceiling medallions and fragrant candles are great items found in hardwood stores. Resin is another secret find." —Carole Malloy of [Josephine Design House](#)