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## Idea File

Suitcase not stuffed with souvenirs? Don't fret. These globally inspired products are just a click away.



**Inviting Entry** Add an eclectic look to your home's exterior with an arched paneled-wood door from Arte de Mexico (\$7,800). With the right lighting and space, old-world doors can be stunning inside as well. Arte de Mexico; 818/753-4559; [artedemexico.com](http://artedemexico.com)



**Simple Design** Embrace Zen style and submerge yourself in relaxation with Kohler's cast-iron Tea-for-Two soaker (\$1,671). Kohler; 800/456-4537; [kohler.com](http://kohler.com)



### Dazzling Glamour

CaesarStone's Conetto collection has surfaces handmade from semiprecious stones that are individually cut and bound. Whether the yellow quartz (\$13,000 per 120x56-inch slab) is used as a vanity countertop or for flooring, it's just as beautiful as it is durable. CaesarStone; 877/978-2789; [caesarstone.com](http://caesarstone.com)



**Delightful Textures** Add pizzazz to cabinetry with patterned pulls and knobs from MNG (starting at \$30). MNG Hardware; 877/598-8889; [mnghardware.com](http://mnghardware.com)



**Glorious Gold** Old-world luxury and cosmopolitan style blend in Gold Tile by Steuler-Fliesen. Frame a bathroom mirror or dress up your floors for a sophisticated statement. Valde Flooring; 516/326-3555; [valdeflooring.com](http://valdeflooring.com)



**Casual Elegance** Changing light fixtures is a quick and easy way to improve your home's ambience. The Veneziano large pendant light (\$340) features forged-iron scrolls and a handblown, hand-painted glass shade. Accents of Salado; 877/947-5938; accentsofsalado.com

**Rustic Style** When Alchemy fused platinum with iron and glass for its Prestige Series, the result was a durable sink (\$4,700) that's also a work of art. Alchemy Glass & Light; 877/552-5243; alchemyglass.com



**Exotic Appeal** Lay a subtle taste of worldly flavor underfoot with the rich colors of Purpleheart (\$4.49 per square foot, uninstalled) or Bloodwood (\$5.99 per square foot, uninstalled) flooring from Bellawood. Lumber Liquidators, 800/356-6746; lumberliquidators.com

## MAKE WORLDLY ACCENTS WORK

Interior designer Phil Norman shares his methods for blending a taste of your travels with existing home design.

**1. Stay subtle.** Items in the room must offer the right blend of textures, colors, and proportions—eclectic decor won't work otherwise. "You want to make the new items a part of the flow of the space," Norman says. "Worldly items should complement, not dominate."

**2. Be aware of size and style.** "So often I hear stories of folks buying a piece believing it should fit, just to get it home to realize it's not an appropriate size or shape for their space. Just because you see a really fascinating pair of Greek columns doesn't mean you should plop them in your living room. You have to know when to say, 'That's interesting, but that's not for my home.'"

**3. Play with structure.** "Another way I like to incorporate worldly interest into a space is through architectural elements," such as a door. "By hanging it on the wall and using the proper lighting, it creates great shadows, texture, and interest."

**4. Steer clear of themes.** "Going all out is never necessary. You can sprinkle different artifacts throughout the house for an elegant way of adding a particular flavor without having the entire house scream a theme."

**5. Wear it out.** Consider a distressed look

when selecting hardwood. Bamboo, for example, looks great after it's wire-brushed and stained a dark chestnut. "It's really inexpensive, so dressing it up with a unique textured finish can be a great, affordable way to get a one-of-a-kind look."

**6. Mind the details.** Even the smallest details can add a global feel to your home. "Incorporating interesting knobs and pulls, such as those made of crocodile or leather, is a great way to reflect an old-world influence."



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### Ornate Adornment

Create a splash of Moroccan inspiration in your kitchen, bath, or pool area with the Beldi pack (\$60 for 16 tiles). Just Morocco; 727/251-4803; [justmorocco.com](http://justmorocco.com)

### Asian Flair

Bamboo flooring is a great way to add a global feel to your home, and it's also an eco-friendly, affordable option. Consider Premium Green Bamboo (\$1.96 per square foot, uninstalled). SimpleFLOORS; 800/220-7112; [simplefloors.com](http://simplefloors.com)



**Distinctive Details** The smallest touches can make a room more eclectic. New knobs from Old World Classic Hardware (starting at \$7.39) in distressed antique-brass finishes add character to existing cabinetry. My Knobs; 866/695-6627; [myknobs.com](http://myknobs.com)



### Soothing Sounds

Capture Italy's architectural charm with this Tarento wall fountain (\$165). The aged-stone finish is so realistic, you'd never know it's made from lightweight fiberglass. Serenity Health; 888/881-4668; [serenityhealth.com](http://serenityhealth.com)



### Antique Grandeur

The granite top and white porcelain sink featured in the Bordeaux bathroom vanity (\$1,167) combines modern convenience with historical charm. Regency House; 828/322-5870; [regencyhouseinc.com](http://regencyhouseinc.com)

"People have always been traveling and collecting various items. By incorporating these pieces into their homes, they enjoy a constant reminder of their adventures."

—interior designer Phil Norman



### Provençal Persuasion

Incorporate rustic charm into your home with Farmhouse Provençal handmade terra-cotta tile (\$14.40 per square foot, uninstalled). Pavé Tile & Stone, Inc.; 800/239-6437; [pavetile.com](http://pavetile.com)