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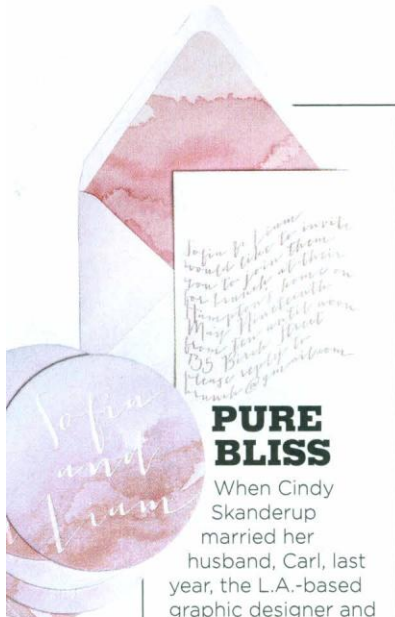
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Garde, L.A.
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WISH LIST

Two of California's most distinguished design stores, both proffering expertly curated tabletop and home goods, launch unique wedding registries this month. Scotti Sitz, owner of the year-old home design gallery **Garde**, on Beverly Boulevard in Los Angeles (323-424-4667; gardeshop.com), offers everything from Coral & Tusk linens to china patterns by graffiti artist Mr. Brainwash. "Our customers are usually more established and are looking to add to a living environment that speaks to who they are as a couple," says Sitz. Each registry will have its own e-commerce portal that can be updated in real time.

In San Francisco, **Hudson Grace** (415-440-7400; hudsongracesf.com) has quickly become a destination for couples seeking elegant porcelain, an exclusive line of white dinnerware, distinctive flatware and serving pieces, and crisp linen napkins in 21 colors with a modern edge. "We still get people looking for a silver service," says co-owner Monelle Totah. "It's just not their mother's silver." Totah and her partner, Gary McNatton, lend their expert taste, and compile an e-book of their selections to link to a wedding website.



PURE BLISS

When Cindy Skanderup married her husband, Carl, last year, the L.A.-based graphic designer and branding expert noticed a gap in the stationery industry. "What was available online was cookie-cutter and custom designs were exorbitant," she says. Enter **Bliss & Bone**, the couple's refined, web-based wedding design service that offers collections of semi-custom paper goods, from invites to cocktail napkins. blissandbone.com.



Count of Threads

Federico Pratesi, the dashing Florence-based chairman of the Italian fine-linens purveyor and great-grandson of its founder, knows how to make a beautiful bed. To him, the quality of the sheets you sleep on might be as critical as the person you choose to marry. Here, he answers some questions about the marital bed: **C:** What should a new couple consider? **FP:** You spend more than

one third of your life together between the sheets, among the throws and the cushions. The bed is the heart of life where love, passion and dreams begin. **C:** Where to start? **FP:** Invest in a few sets of quality sheets. **C:** How long should sheets last? **FP:** It depends on how they're cared for. Mild detergent helps! Basically from conception to graduation; in other words, a lifetime. 8405 Melrose Pl., L.A., 323-653-2425; pratesi.com.



FROM TOP A
Burnham living
room in Bronson
Canyon. Instant/
Space design box.

ROOM TO GROW The ultimate gift for newlywed nesters: **Instant/Space** from Los Angeles interior designer Betsy Burnham. Based on answers to a questionnaire, ideas for furniture, textiles and paint palettes arrive via mail. From \$1,100; instantspacedesign.com.



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