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The Abigar and Alderney (inset) are just two of the four home options available from the first season of the recently launched Perch Plans.



Big Plans

Architect Tim Brown's new archi-venture offers custom home plans without the custom home plan hassle or price

A strange thing happened after a modern farmhouse in Westlake that architect Tim Brown designed started being written about, including in *Austin Home*, three years ago. "I got about 500 inquiries about selling those house plans," he says. He sold designs to three people and turned down the rest because, he says, friends and colleagues told him that selling plans en masse would detract from his core business—designing custom homes—which he has been doing for 15 years.

But as he turned more and more people away, "the more I felt we might be missing an opportunity," he says.

So, in July, Brown launched Perch Plans, a new way to shop online for house designs. Unlike the websites that currently sell plans, which Brown says "feels like shopping at T.J. Maxx," Perch Plans offers high-end, "bespoke" designs for less than it would

cost to hire an architect. Brown's website will release two "seasons" worth of plans per year, with four to six plans per season. The theme for the first season is modern farmhouse, and one of the four designs available now is the Westlake home that started all of this three years ago.

The plans, which cost between \$3,850 and \$5,600, come with full construction documents, down to the look of the trim, the cabinet layout, energy calculation, and heating and cooling loads, among other things.

"Shopping for a home and picking out a design should be an exciting process," Brown says. "There should be some anticipation of getting that box of drawings in the mail or even downloading that PDF and shopping for builders. It should be fun."

Perch Plans, perchplans.com; Tim Brown Architecture, 1010 Brazos St., (512) 637-0400, timbrownarch.com

IT'S A TEXTILE THING

Whether she was mountain biking through Thailand or canoeing in Myanmar, Austin interior designer Allison Crawford made it a point to collect "vibrant, handmade fabrics" on her last trip to Asia, in January 2016.

Those fabrics have turned into her recently launched line of globally inspired pillows and textiles. The collection is a mix of modern, vintage and bohemian, and the pillows showcase handcrafted textiles from around the world. Each one-of-kind pillow has been crafted featuring exotic and bold patterns.

"I love hot pink, indigo and bold black-and-white prints," Crawford says, "so you'll find bold prints mixed with a few solids in my collection."

Allison Crawford Design, allisoncrawford-design.com



THE SHOWROOMS MUST GO ON

Interior designer Annie Downing gets excited over finding something that no one else has and can offer that to her clients. "The only true way to get that unique look is through combining vintage pieces with modern-day goods," she says.

And that is exactly what her new showroom, Annie Downing Interiors, does. Newly opened in what has quickly become a mini design district downtown, Downing's place offers everything from accessories to upholstered furniture and art. Barware, trays, lighting, pillows, blankets, dining chairs, case goods, rugs and small items that make great gifts also are available.

Says Downing, "I hope the showroom is an inspiration point for people and a place where they can see different furniture pieces mixed with a variety of fabrics."

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