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STYLE ■ 2007 IN REVIEW

In case you haven't noticed, Austin's ever-growing style scene is no longer a best-kept secret. It seems as if almost every week, a chic new clothing or home decor boutique opens or a local fashion or interior designer gains national recognition. On the heels of

such a busy year, we combed through our archives to revisit the noteworthy from 2007. From following the film crew and hosts of "This Old House" as they oversaw the green remodel of a Hyde Park couple's home to the opening of the luxe shopping center the

Domain, we were never at a loss for something stylish to talk about. Settle into your favorite Eames chair and kick off your Manolos or Pumas and enjoy our fashionable year in review.

— Marques G. Harper and Melanie Spencer

How did we look?

IN FASHION

Return of high style

Blame Justin Timberlake, who regularly wears vests and fedoras, or maybe it had something to do with



Cufflinks
Men's accessory returned to style.

ing dresses, vests, cufflinks, fedoras and polished makeup and beauty products.

Shopping

The options to shop bubbled beyond belief in 2007 with the opening of the luxe shopping destination in



Southpark Meadows
Former concert venue got a redo.

expand over the next year or two with more retailers and restaurants.) Joining the high-end shopping spot in 2007 were the ever-expanding Southpark Meadows, the Hill Country Galleria and the shopping center at the Mueller development.

Old favorites got fresh starts

Despite plenty of new boutiques and speciality shops in the market, several longtime favorites got new blood and fresh starts. Austinite Elizabeth Tigar took over Fetish and its sister store Underwear; University of Texas grad Julie Copp turned an old By George store on the Drag into her C. Jane boutique of women's selections; and Kevin Lemoine and

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Mod design and
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with shoes

dapper fashion
the fold,
and go,
Austinite
big strides
for Africans



Julia Plume's designs
Collection helped designer win the 2007 Search for Texas' Next Top Designer competition

Joe Stafford Illustration AMERICAN-STATESMAN
from a Julia Plume photo

IN HOME DESIGN

Fresh crop of design stores

Our home design cups runneth over, from the flights of fancy at Finch in the Second Street District and the retro-cool goods at La Luz on South

to the perfect blend of traditional and modern at Wendow Fine Living in Central Austin and Heather Scott Home and Design in the Arboretum.

Fresh wares for everyone, no matter where you live. Each month, we had another great store to tell you about, and each one offered its unique take on home design.



Finch
Store opened on Second Street.

Mad for mod

Acceptance of modern design has been hard-won in Austin, but it has finally gone mainstream. In March, we explored not

only the growing popularity of modern in Austin, but also the scene's national media attention. The players include the architect Dick Clark (who was at the forefront of the movement), as well as architecture and design-build firm Cottam Hargrave, Chris Krager and the designers at the design-build firm KRDB, Amy Dempsey at Studio Robins Dempsey and Kevin Alter, principal of Alterstudio Architects LLP. Their work has quickly become a part of the landscape of Austin, with more projects to come. The wealth of design stores offering pieces that look right at home in these modern digs is a sign that this style is here to stay.



Dick Clark's design
Architect made mod inroads.

Botanicals, birds and bugs

Spring is always in bloom with the bevy of goods sporting bird, insect and botanical motifs. We can't

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