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► Peddada's bold, high-pile rugs are woven from wool and silk; (clockwise from left) Chain, Stonewall, Wholesome, and Boxed. Below, his silver collection includes the Orca footed dish and the Anquaring pitcher.



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"I'm a visual archaeologist," says designer Raju Peddada, founder of the Des Plaines-based **Future Environments Company**. His bold new rug collection and neo-retro sterling silver tabletop pieces are inspired, he says, by ancient forms, by his reading of history (Euclid is a hero), and by travel.

Peddada based the dyes in the rugs, which are woven in India and Nepal, on colors he observed in nature. "Every gray is out of the Chicago skies in winter," he says. "It's a tribute to the place where I live." He sells primarily to the trade and through www.peddada.com. The candelabra, water pitchers, fruit bowls, and other silver pieces run from \$2,000 to \$6,000; hand-knotted rugs are \$35 to \$40 per square foot, wholesale. —JOANNE FREESTRAIT

