

Time Honored

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Who among us has time for boring clocks? And isn't it true you always notice when someone else has a striking clock as part of their decor? It's time for you to reconsider your interior timepieces, as accents or centerpieces. Here are a few to get you started.

Sunburst Wall Clock by George Nelson

This one is a throwback to the days of Eisenhower, when clocks like this adorned every living room in the country, usually located above the boxy RCA TV. The 1949 George Nelson design has been salvaged by the Vitra Design Museum for its clock collection and is available in multi-colored, walnut or red finishes, using Nelson's original plans. It's 18.5 inches in diameter. \$360; www.allmodern.com.

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Howard Miller Tempo Floor Clock

The 8-foot-tall aluminum frame stands on a weighted base that contains an electromagnetic drive. This causes the 133-pound clock to sway on a pendulum as it swings back and forth over the base. Hypnotic, and a conversation starter, for sure. \$875; www.csnclocks.com.

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François Azambourg Pixel Clock

Rarely does post-modern meet contemporary elegance, but this dazzling timepiece by designer Azambourg for French Interiors specialist Ligne Roset manages to combine those elements with Swiss precision. The honeycomb structure is fiberglass and aluminum set in a lacquered metal frame and illuminated with 300 white LED lights; the clock hands are titanium. \$2,675; see it at Ligne Roset in Dallas (214-526-2220) or at www.ligne-roset-usa.com.



NEW CREATIVE ENTERPRISES

Square Nest Silver Finish Floor Clock

The tradition of giving clocks on anniversaries has fallen by the wayside. Who wants a squat little bronze thing collecting dust? But this 77-inch-tall silver finish floor clock stands up for itself and makes a timely gift. For indoor or outdoor use (imagine it by the pool), the metal and glass clock is battery operated, and it includes temperature and humidity gauges. \$120; www.ncegifts.com.

Room Tech's Beingz Digital Alarm Clock

This one is for kids, or older folks who enjoy cute, functional kitsch, instead of blasting out an ear-shattering alarm, the Beingz uses its arms and feet to tap the table as it begins to gently glow. If you have more than one Beingz — including the Mood Lamp — they wirelessly communicate with each other to start operating in concert. There's a built-in FM radio, as well as three alarm sounds, but it also connects to MP3 players and works as a speaker. And if you tap its "head," it smiles. www.beingz.com; \$39.99; at big-box retailers such as Target and Toys R Us, and www.hasbrotoyshop.com.



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