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Rock Stars

At a time when many of us crave comfort, it's no surprise that crystals—said to possess calming, soothing powers—are finding their way into home decor.

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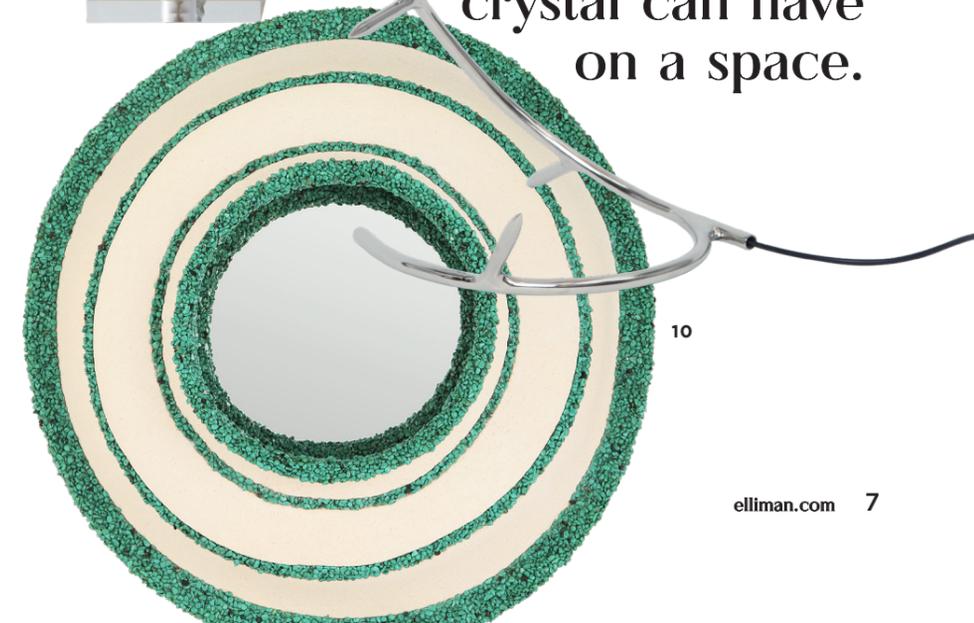
A back-lit cathedral-point smoky quartz raised on a plinth picks up glints of gold highlighted by the pyrite lying alongside it.

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THE “WELLNESS” craze isn’t going away anytime soon. Once firmly ensconced in the world of beauty, spas, and self-care, the trend has found its way into residential interior design with dazzling results. Crystals, minerals, and other offspring of the earth have outgrown their crunchy roots and are now used to craft everything from furniture to sinks, as well as a huge range of decorative accessories.

Even if you don’t believe that they’re energy conductors with a variety of positive powers (promoting calm, clarity, and courage), there’s no denying the dramatic effect crystal can have on a space. Dazzling as decorative accessories or fixtures, like the selenite fireplace surround at right (featured in *The New Stone Age* by Carol Woolton), these beauties are a low-maintenance way to bring nature into your home. And if they happen to bring some peace and prosperity as well, it’s quite literally a gift with purchase.

Here, a few pieces we’d love to live with.



- 1. Rose Bubble II rock crystal quartz chandelier; \$28,700; phoenixgallerynyc.com
- 2. Lumino gemstone coasters in eggplant agate; \$175 for a set of four; annanewyork.com
- 3. Circa 1950 Verdura gold and Palladium octagonal box with chrysocolla-set lid from A La Vieille Russie; about \$50; alvr.com
- 4. “Birth” nesting tables by Arriau, in polished brass and quartz; \$39,000; donzella.com
- 5. “Erosion” patinated bronze scone with Fluorite, by Studio Greytak; \$18,900; guyregalnyc.com
- 6. Selenite ray pendant lamp with 128 quartz crystals; \$799; CB2.com
- 7. Selenite table lamp with lucite base; \$4,450; homenature.com
- 8. Stone Rose quartz table light by Chen Chen & Kai Williams; \$5,200; thefutureperfect.com
- 9. Malachite with brass rim; from \$125; creelandgow.com
- 10. Bahia mirror in ceramic and tinted howlite; \$3,000; regisdesaintdo.com

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