

NOW IN DC

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# CROWDSOURCING

In Grandma's house, that vintage chair might look frumpy. But in the hands of upholsterer **Nicole Crowder** (price upon request, [nicolecrowderupholstery.com](http://nicolecrowderupholstery.com)), midcentury furniture transforms into new-millennium chic due to her savvy fabric mixing: a settee in African wax-print cotton, a barrel chair in silk flowers and black sateen. "You want the material to complement both the personality and the frame of the piece," says the talent, who sources fabric on trips to as far away as Asia and finds items to redo in diverse places around town. She's self-taught, but has become so adept that she now teaches classes (three hours for \$120). She's also taking her sessions to locales like Chicago. In DC, the next one is May 10 at The Lemon Bowl. So, where does she find inspiration? Take a seat and explore. —Jennifer Barger



Nicole Crowder luxuriates in the Jet Barrel Orchid chair, \$900, a perch fit for Coco Chanel.

## Skin SECRET

"I'm all about low-maintenance, high-performance skincare rituals. My go-to for moisturizing is [Hyattsville, Md.-based] **RedDirtNatural's** Gertie Bell shea butter. It's creamy, light, and comes in rose and lemongrass scents." \$15, [etsy.com/shop/reddirtnatural](http://etsy.com/shop/reddirtnatural)



## Clothes UP

"The light and easy nature of the clothing at **COS** in Georgetown gives me a fresh canvas to accent with a great statement necklace or pair of earrings." Top, \$99, 1200 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202.719.2352, [cosstores.com](http://cosstores.com)



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## Be JEWELLED

"I love the... collection of jewelry at **Kicheko Goods**." Kedge Hollow necklace, \$72, 716 Monroe St. NE, [kichekogoods.com](http://kichekogoods.com)



## Foodie FIND

"I'm often grabbing dinner and drinks with friends at **Maydan**, posted up against the gorgeous wallpaper and eating all the spreads!" 1346 Florida Ave. NW, 202.370.3696, [maydandc.com](http://maydandc.com)



## Design DESTINATION

"The lounges at the **Apollo** complex on H Street have beautiful design and decor details. Between the lush upholstery, bright wallpaper, and large selection of interior design and architecture books, I could spend hours cozied up there having meetings or just sketching designs for chairs." Accessible for customers of The Wydown, 600 H St. NE, 202.846.7986, [thewydown.com](http://thewydown.com)



TOP NOTES

**HEAVEN ON EARTH** For her latest scent, Just Like Heaven, **Tory Burch** pays homage to a mix of visions from the past and vivid snaps of the present. "[It] is an ode to a dream and life's endless possibilities," says Burch of the floral-citrus blend. Rhubarb and sparkling mandarin reveal the floral heart of hyacinth and ylang-ylang. Nostalgic notes of heliotrope and warm Ambroxan, and tonka bean at the base, ground the reverie in reality. 3.4 fl. oz. for \$138, [Bloomingdale's](http://Bloomingdale's), [Tysons Corner Center](http://Tysons Corner Center); [Sephora](http://Sephora), [Georgetown](http://Georgetown); [toryburch.com](http://toryburch.com) —Phebe Wahl