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**Class Act:** *William Haines Legendary Hollywood Decorator*, by Peter Schifando and Jean H. Mathison, \$89.95. amazon.com



**Calvin Klein Home** pillows, \$31–\$75. bloomingdales.com



**Miho Kosuda Ltd.** flower arrangement, price upon request. 212-922-9122



**Bottega Veneta** room spray, \$58. 877-362-1715



**Hermès** playing cards, \$75. 800-441-4489



Collins's wallpaper for The London NYC



A room at The London NYC: 800-690-2029



**Habitat** glass, \$10. habitat.net

One of the chairs at The London NYC

## David Collins

Meet the man behind the chic Anglo-European reinvention of the Rihga Royal Hotel in New York, recently reopened as The London NYC

I have a passion for 20th-century furniture, sculpture, and art, but I'm also interested in fashion—couture in particular," says interior designer David Collins. "These are the things that inspire the colors I use."

The London-based Irishman is best known for stylish U.K. dining spots like Nobu Berkeley, the Blue Bar, and Luciano. The glamorous 54-story London NYC, which boasts one of the highest hotel rooms in Manhattan, is Collins's first hotel project on this side of the pond. He'll follow it up with The London LA on West Hollywood's Sunset Boulevard in spring 2007. The London NYC will also house Michelin-starred chef Gordon Ramsay's first stateside restaurant, with interiors created by Collins.

**Flowers:** "Peonies change by the day—the size, the color, the tone. They look beautiful at every stage."

**Glassware:** "Understated and contemporary from Habitat in London."

**Wallpaper:** "The one I created for The London NYC."

**Chairs:** "This rocking chair is part of a furniture collection that has been designed for The London NYC that feels very bespoke and tailored. It's finished in custom-dyed leather."

**Coffee-table book:** *Class Act: William Haines Legendary Hollywood Decorator*.

**Linens:** Calvin Klein.

**Room scent:** "The Bottega Veneta scent lingers just long enough. I hate scented candles."

**Gifts:** "A pack of Hermès playing cards—cards are my most serious addiction." >

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