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“I keep a stash of Cire Trudon candles in each of my houses. The moss- green glass containers blend in perfectly wherever they are placed and, most importantly, are completely natural and long-burning.” Manon classic candle, \$95, by Cire Trudon at Saks Fifth Avenue, Phipps Plaza

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“I am drawn to the sensuous materials and forward-thinking design of 1970s furniture. The leather seating from this period is seriously sexy!” Fabricius and Kastholm Scimitar chair, \$9,500, [1stdibs.com](https://www.1stdibs.com)

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“My 14,000-square-foot Georgian-style mansion in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., [is] located just 30 minutes north of the George Washington Bridge, but you feel like you are in a different world. Having a home in Tuxedo Park is like owning part of a great camp. The house we live in was built in 1900 by American architect John Russell Pope, and is situated on nearly 120 acres overlooking Tuxedo Lake and backs up to the protected lands of Sterling Forest [State Park].”

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