

architects' choice



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halo effect

When Voith wants a light that blends the modern and the traditional, she turns to the Nimba by Santa & Cole. The fixture features a suspended stainless steel circle with a white plastic inner shade. Available in two sizes—a 35.4-inch and a 47-inch model—it comes in xenon or LED options, the latter of which the architect prefers. Santa & Cole, 404.858.4610; www.santacole.com.

great walls

Voith doesn't always settle for painted walls; she also opts for wallpaper in standard colors and emerald green dyed-silk from de Gournay. The company offers paper-backed fabric, silk, and damask wallpapers that have been hand-drawn and dyed. "Traditional patterns such as these make new rooms feel immediately timeless," the architect says. De Gournay, 212.564.9750; www.degournay.com.

other favorites

Leon Lugassy Designs: parquet floors

Retroplate: concrete floor system, www.retroplatesystem.com

"we are always looking for led fixtures that have the presence and grace of a traditional chandelier. this one feels as if it's floating magically."



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master plaster

Voith says "ceilings are the forgotten surfaces" in a house, which is why she specifies plaster ceiling medallions from Felber Ornamental Plastering. Shown here in one of the firm's projects, medallion 8865 measures 4 feet, 9 inches by 6 feet, 10¼ inches. "Felber offers a wide variety of choice and potential for customization," the architect says. Felber Ornamental Plastering Corp., 800.392.6896; www.felber.net.

swede success

"Don't discount IKEA cabinetry," Voith cautions. The Swedish company's Akurum system is one of the best deals in kitchen cabinets, she adds. Offering various stock sizes, the line consists of boxes made from fiberboard and melamine foil, but it also includes soft-close hardware and wood, aluminum and glass, and lacquered doors, among other features. IKEA, 800.434.4532; www.ikea.com.