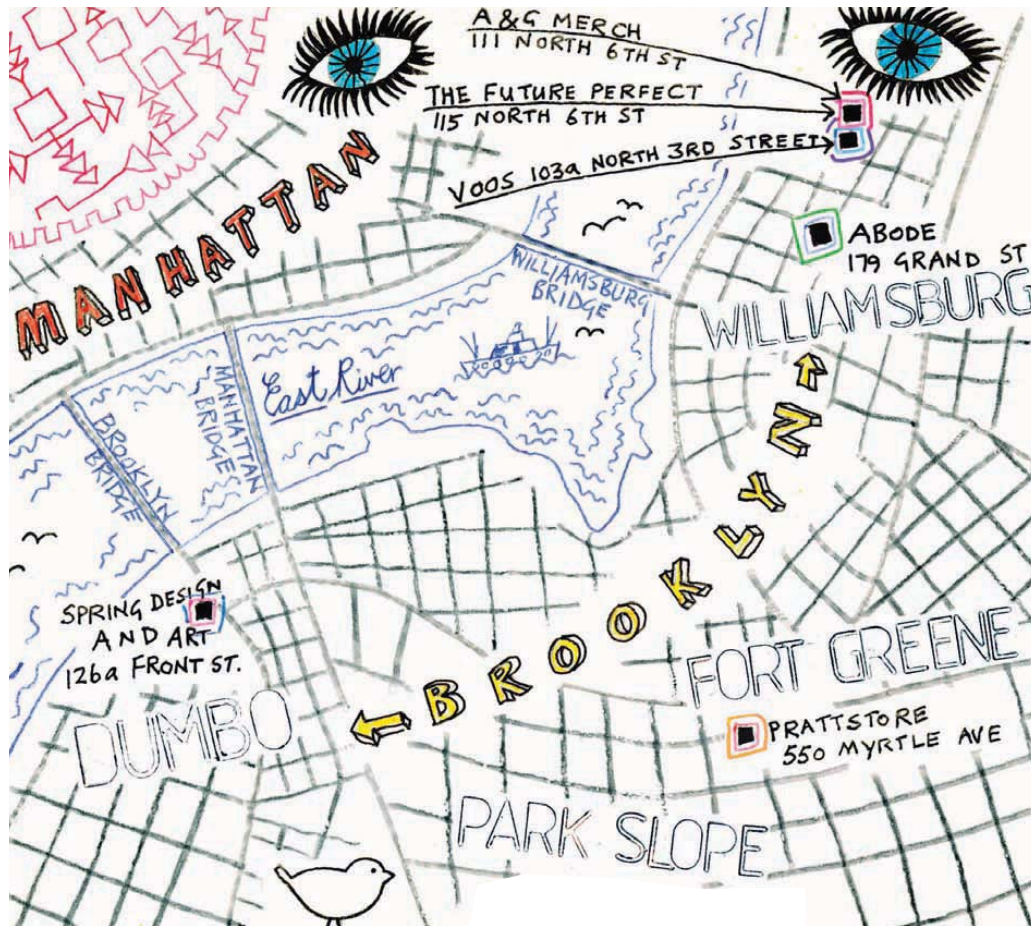


PLACES



THINGS



Shovel Birdhouse

Think of the Shovel Birdhouse (\$190) as Dutch-born designer Jan Habraken's housewarming gift to his new Brooklyn digs. The shape is meant to ensure it's planted in the dirt. Available at areaware.com; 212.226.5155



Magneto shelves

Park Slope designer Henry Julier's Magneto shelf (\$160) uses powerful neodymium magnets to float blocks of sustainably harvested maple on a steel sheet. henryjulier.com

Voos' The Dreamers exhibition

Deger Cengiz, co-owner of Williamsburg furniture showroom Voos, used salvaged wood to create Planar (\$600), a minimalist chair that will appear as part of Voos's The Dreamers exhibition. The shop cultivates small Brooklyn designers with the zest of a locavore. May 7-23. 103a N. Third St., 718.218.8666, voosfurniture.com



Building Blocks

A trip to some of the latest and greatest in NYC design is just a short Town Car ride away

■ **The Future Perfect/ A&G Merch**

The best-curated design store in Brooklyn, David Alhadeff's shop pairs pieces by local talent like Kiel Mead and Brendan Timmins with international stars such as the Campana brothers. A next-door spinoff, A&G, offers less conceptual (but still stylish) home furnishings. 115 N. Sixth St., 718.599.6278, thefutureperfect.com; 111 N. Sixth St., 718.388.1779, aandgmerch.com

■ **Voos**

"Local" is the watchword at Serap Demirag and Deger Cengiz's year-old Williamsburg furniture gallery. Musclebound metal tables from Red Hook designers Uhuru (\$1,200)

complement unique delights like a colorful bench made by Jeremy Dunkle Barger with 12 layers of lacquer (\$2,400). 103a N. Third St., 718.218.8666, voosfurniture.com

■ **Abode**

Bright and cheery modernism, from handmade industrial-felt bowls (\$75) to inviting reclaimed-oak hooks (\$20.50), is the order of business at this reasonably priced Williamsburg storefront. 179 Grand St., 718.388.5383, abode-newyork.com

■ **Prattstore**

Pratt Institute is fertile ground for Brooklyn designers, and the school isn't afraid to brag about it. At its store, you'll find products by recent

grads, like Design Glut's teacup hooks (\$30) and zigzagging Dow Jones hankies (\$28). 550 Myrtle Ave., 718.789.1105, prattstore.net

■ **Spring Design and Art**

Though sometimes veering into kitsch, this six-year-old Dumbo home-accessories retailer hosts worthy exhibitions and offers charming pieces like the wooden Babel Blocks (\$75), a collection of New York characters by Constantin and Laurene Boym, whose studio is just around the corner. 126a Front St., 718.222.1054, spring3d.net