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## THE WHITE STUFF



Silk toile Mao-collar jacket with sequin flowers, asymmetrical tipped sleeves and matching pajama pant from Paris designer Lloyd Klein's spring-summer collection.

## Fashion focus clears for Paris designer

## Oceanside residents petition for split

Redistricting debate leads to request to divide Manalapan into two towns.

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**MANALAPAN** — When emergency room physician Peter Lamelas left the Town Commission last spring to join the State Board of Medicine, the commission decided it was time to look at redistricting.

That action, put in motion this fall, has sparked something akin to civil war — with one oceanfront group now seeking to split this small, affluent town in two.

Hal Prewitt and about 30 other oceanside residents — some registered voters, some not — filed a petition with Town Hall Friday calling for "contraction," a legal term for turning one town — of grand mansions along State Road A1A and mostly smaller, but not inexpensive, homes on Point Manalapan — into two.

Point Manalapan, developed by William Benjamin II, sits on the southern portion of Hypoluxo Island.

The petition lists the differences between the two

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# STYLE

Customized versions of the Windsor table can be ordered. Forberg based previous work as side table for a doghouse next to the top of a tapered four-legged wooden covered model. The cost of a table featuring such a finish would be about \$2,500.



Photo by James Brooke  
Three of the five standard Windsor table models, all covered in suakin. Prices for the standard tables range from about \$2,800 for smaller sizes to about \$3,200 for larger models.



The original use of the Windsor table was as a telephone stand. Here, a 12 by 21 1/2-inch model, about \$1,000, is covered in navy blue olexa skin.

## Tables d'haute

Windsor tables on roll again, thanks to furniture veteran who plans PB show.



A small having skin-covered Windsor model, about \$2,800, is positioned as a handy side table in a sitting room.

Photo by Jo-Anna

**M**ary Forberg worked with designer Eric Springer for 13 years as the manager of his firm's Miami showroom, where sleek furnishings were the rule.

Among the pieces in Springer's line were small leather or exotic skin-covered telephone tables on brass casters. They were ordered on a regular basis in the 1980s by the Duchess of Windsor, who gave the hand-crafted tables as gifts to her friends around the world.

The little tables were referred to as Windsor tables by everyone who worked for the Springer firm. "The Duchess of Windsor definitely put the tables on the map," Forberg said.

"I believe they were adapted from an original 1930s design by Jensen, the Paris decorator," said Forberg. Several years after Springer's death in 1991 and the closing of the business, Forberg got inspired by the look of the three Windsor tables at her home in Coconut Grove.

"I use them constantly. They have real staying power," she said.

"They were so beautifully crafted, it seemed a shame that they were no longer in production," Forberg said. "The process of making these tables will be a lost art one day. It's a 1930s technique, similar to the art of book-binding."

Forberg got in touch with Springer's original craftsmen in New York who had ceased making the tables once Springer closed his doors. They were willing and enthusiastic when Forberg suggested reviving production of



Photo by Jo-Anna

Forberg's dictionary table-cart is covered in hand-stained leather and is available covered in a selection of finishes. It is priced at about \$3,500.



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the handmade Windsor models.

With production arranged, she set up an eponymous firm to market the tables through retailers and directly to interior designers throughout the United States and Europe out of her Miami residence.

She will bring a selection of tables to Mary Mahoney, 121 Worth Ave., for an exhibition from Monday through

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Windsor tables, all of which feature feet shell surfaces, roll on solid-brass wheels and are usable in any room. Here, a cobra-skin covered model, about \$2,900, is employed as a book cart.

Photo by Jo-Anna



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*Tables are covered in linen, exotic skins or leather*

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Førssberg, as the firm is called, offers five standard versions of the Windsor table. All are etagère-style, with two shelves and a framed top. Forssberg has also designed a dictionary stand, based on the Windsor model.

The solid-wood-framed small tables — usable as telephone carts, bedside tables, drinks tables — are covered in lacquered linen, exotic skins, including snakeskin,

lizard and shagreen, or a variety of leathers. Each table is signed and numbered with a brass plaque on its underside, which is lined in a moire fabric.

Prices range from about \$2,800 to about \$3,500 for those featuring customized surface treatments. Each is crafted individually and takes about eight weeks for delivery from the time an order is placed.

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