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BEST BETS



GOODS



BANANA REPUBLIC



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HOMEBODY

OPENINGS

Browsers, Rejoice

In time for the holidays, a new-store boom.

BY AJA MANGUM AND LAUREN MURROW

Gap has opened its first Soho store with a new concept—Gap 1969, devoted to a hipper line of premium jeans (528 Broadway, at Spring St.; 212-431-2686).

Banana Republic has unveiled a new “prototype” store, a two-level boutique displaying the brand’s Monogram collection (552–554 Broadway, nr. Prince St.; 212-925-0308).

Lisa Perry’s bright sixties-style fashion is now sold only at her eponymous new boutique (opens 11/23;

976 Madison Ave., nr. 76th St.; 212-431-7467).

Burberry is opening two stores on November 24. The “Brit” shop will have a warehouse feel, while the “London” one gets a more sophisticated atmosphere (444 Madison Ave., nr. 50th St.; no phone).

Swedish outdoors brand **Fjällräven** has opened its first Stateside store, full of rugged parkas, backpacks, and boots (262 Mott St., nr. Prince St.; 212-226-7846).

American Eagle’s newest

is a behemoth: 25,000 square feet, with four lounge areas and a denim library (1551 Broadway, at 46th St.; 212-205-7260).

The **Apple Store** takeover continues with the company’s fourth New York City location, on the Upper West Side (1981 Broadway, at 67th St.; 212-209-3400).

Puro Chile is a shrine to the food, wines (over 160 bottles and counting), and handicrafts of its namesake country (221 Centre St., at Grand St.; 212-925-7876).

Sculptors turned cheese experts Matt Ross and Eric Finkelstein will open **Goods**, a grocery and café in Prospect Heights, in mid-December (115 Underhill Ave., nr. Prospect Pl.; no phone).

Kate Silver’s **Homebody** has décor and gifts, including silky blankets by In2Green (449 Seventh Ave., nr. 15th St., Park Slope; 718-369-8980).

The British erotica chain **Coco de Mer** sells toys, books, and lingerie (opens 12/4; 236 Elizabeth St., nr. Prince St.; 212-966-9069).

New Stuff

A couple of **seats** from the old Yankee Stadium is a totally impractical splurge, but—World Series! (\$1,500 a pair at Last Licks, 245 E. 93rd St., nr. Second Ave.; 646-596-8566).



These **Creatures’** elevated **food bowls** are easier on the pet (\$95 at Home & Haven, 177 Smith St., nr. Wyckoff St., Boerum Hill; 718-875-1775).



The **StudioDesk** has a sliding top to keep wires out of sight (\$599.95 through 12/27 at the Wired Store, 415 W. 13th St., nr. Ninth Ave.; 212-645-0210).

MARKET SWEEP

Give your splash of single malt a proper home with one of these tumblers.



11 W whiskey tumbler by Achille Castiglioni (\$21 at Alessi, 130 Greene St., nr. Prince St.; 212-941-7300).



Windowpane glass (\$2.49 at Fishs Eddy, 889 Broadway, at 19th St.; 212-420-9020).



Pure Tritan crystal glass (\$10 for four at Sur La Table, 75 Spring St., at Crosby St.; 212-966-3375).



Vanlig glass (\$3.99 for six at Ikea, 1 Beard St., at Otsego St., Red Hook; 718-246-4532).



Broughton glass (\$125 at Ralph Lauren, 867 Madison Ave., nr. 72nd St.; 212-606-2100).



Vertical glass (\$25 at Calvin Klein Collection, 654 Madison Ave., at 60th St.; 212-292-9000).