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In the Modern World

Previous installation of
Illumination I at Rothko
Chapel in Houston, Texas.



Michael Somoroff: Illumination I / 24 June–14 Oct / Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum / Ridgefield, CT / www.aldrichart.org / Whether defined as sculpture or architecture, Somoroff's stimulating structures blur the boundaries between disciplines and focus on the place where object, experience, and light coalesce.



Inside Outside: Petra Blaisse / By Petra Blaisse, edited by Kayoko Ota / Fall Publishers / \$55 / www.napublishers.nl/ This rich collection of Blaisse's projects from around the globe reads like a guide to the design industry's hottest names. Works from the Dutch designer, including collaborations with the ever-present Rem Koolhaas, are laid out by pioneering graphic designer Irma Boom. The result is a comprehensive compendium that isn't just beautiful, but is an intimate and edifying look into the process of an intriguing designer.

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Handmade toys / By La Maison de Lola / www.lamaisondelola.com/ Those of us who tire of watching kids drag around raggedy stuffed animals will be relieved to find this collection of respectable cushioned toys. "Creatures," from Portuguese couple Iolanda Roftoples Mealha and Álvaro Tavares Ramos, are hand-sewn from wool and felt and stuffed with duck feathers. Bestowing Mr Bunny, Mr Grizzly, or Ms Oink on an unassuming youngster will surely encourage an appreciation for the finer things in life—after all, a little taste of houndstooth could always blossom into a lifelong passion for sophistication.

