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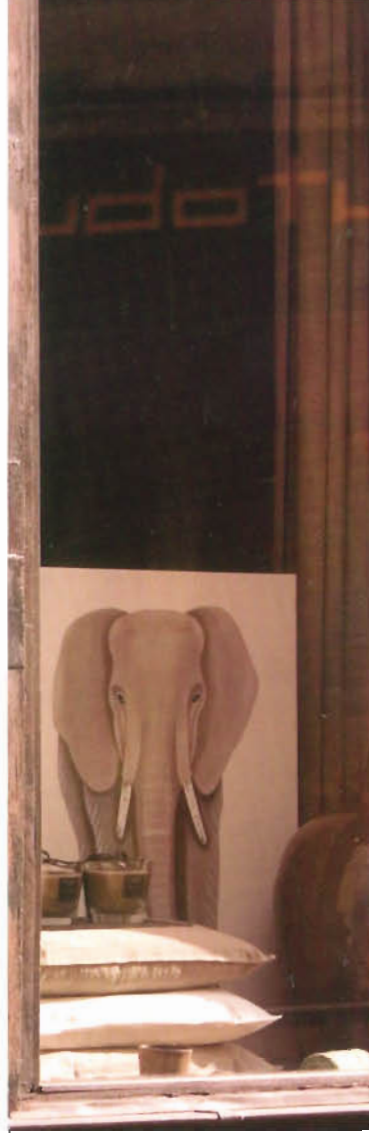
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A SLIGHT DETOUR FROM LE MARAIS INTO THE NEIGHBORING 11<sup>TH</sup> ARRONDISSEMENT WILL LEAD YOU TO ANOTHER creative haven frequented by the interior designers and stylists of Paris.

Architectural associates David Gaillard and Bruno Tin opened Les Curieuses in 2007. This creative space on lively rue Oberkampf is an *atelier* and a showroom in which the duo design and display furniture for their clients. The location dates back to the nineteenth century and is one of the rare Parisian boutiques that remain unchanged. David and Bruno prefer to retain the architectural framework and have brought only a touch of the modern to the space.

Restoration and reuse of salvaged pieces is very much a part of Parisian culture, so it is not surprising that Gaillard and Tin also source many of their pieces from *brocantes* found throughout the Paris suburbs. They also offer a tasteful selection of home furnishings and housewares.

In the main boutique the pair have shown handcrafted polished metal chairs with a sleek wrought-iron and wood-topped dining table (the table is set with dishes with chubby



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rims on slate placemats). An Estelle Lemaître light shade (see page 183) with spotted-feather trim hangs over the arrangement. Lemaître and the partners at Les Curieuses are friends and often work together on the same interior design project.

Beyond the *atelier* and office, and up the narrow staircase, is a showroom set up like a Parisian apartment. It's inviting and full of old French charm with a modern twist. A soft handwoven shawl is draped over a restored vintage armchair. A sleek lined lounge fitted with a simple black linen slipcover is a tempting place to curl up for a respite.

