



**BIG BLUE**

Shaped first on a wheel and then by hand, this stoneware vase by Los Angeles artist Adam Silverman has the gravitas of ancient sculpture excavated from the ocean floor. Multiple firings created the piece's pockmarked texture, which bristles just under the surface of an Aegean-hued glaze.

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# EARTHLY GOODS

Alchemy and ingenuity go hand in hand in a new generation of ceramics, reinvented with experimental techniques and uncommon artistry.

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#### HISTORY LESSON

Referencing classical Chinese porcelain forms like the double gourd and the sleeve, the vases of Kingston, New York-based ceramist Robert Hessler feature dappled motifs produced by layering zinc glazes that form crystals as they cool.

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**HALF MOON**

Lunar landscapes seem etched across the surfaces of these vases by Dutch collaborative Studio Oddness. Designers Thomas van der Sman and Adrianus Kundert infuse their glazes with soap, which bubbles up as the pieces are dipped, giving them an otherworldly air.

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**EBB AND FLOW**

Ceramic dishes stand in for canvases in Maria Moyer's porcelain paintings, which the New York City-based sculptor crafts by pooling water and cobalt oxide on the surface of once-fired clay plates and gently agitating them to distribute the liquefied metal. A second firing results in soulful, luminous effects. For details see Sources, page 124.

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