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Celebrating 10 Beautiful Years!

PURPLE REIGN This personalized service includes coordinating tumblers, vases, serveware and candlesticks in a customized shade of smoky plum. *Adonis table setting with customized black stitching from $440, dinner plate $665, soup cup and saucer $920, and sauce boat $905*

CHARTED COURSE This plate is from a service that has been inscribed with the constellation of stars from when this couple first met. *My Private Sky seven-plate set $12,000*

FINE LINE A design by Ted Muehling, these dinner plates trace your initials in 24K gold along the flight path of a fly. They are sure to decorate your table beautifully for years to come—perhaps providing a conversation starter as well. *$420 each*

CHARACTER DRIVEN

There's one wedding craze with lasting power: customization. When it comes to porcelain, handmade pieces from iconic German company Nymphenburg are an exquisite symbol of the new chapter on which you are about to embark. For almost 300 years, the company has been known to churn out both classic and edgy collector pieces, along with custom collections for royal families, celebrities and even government bodies. "In the last few years, more and more people have been trying to find particular individual pieces with—[for instance]—a special color or a picture of their dog on it," says Nymphenburg's Sandra Gottwald. "So we wanted to communicate the kinds of possibilities we have in our manufacturing process to individualize an object." Its newly introduced Wedding Collection—comprising everything from fine china to tableware to one-of-a-kind gifts—does just that. (Think beautiful bowls with your date or initials inscribed under the lip or place settings charting your astrological signs or the latitude and longitude of where your wedding or engagement took place.) "In general, we are open to anything," explains Gottwald. "Often when a bride tells us her wishes, we already have a bouquet of ideas in mind because, in the last 270 years, we have realized quite a lot of special wishes." *By appointment only, Kneen & Co., 399 W. Fullerton Parkway, Ste. 1E, 773.880.8424, kneenandco.com; nymphenburg.com –Andrea Mills*

PERFECT FIGURE Maurizio Galante Octavio, by Italian designer Maurizio Galante, is part of a limited edition of 25 classical figurines by couture fashion designers. Each is a different take on the original design by Franz Anton Bustelli in 1759 and gives new life to the collector's item. "Nymphenburg has more than 40,000 pieces that can be customized," says Gottwald. *$13,620*