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2 Designer Alison Dawson takes the cake with her intricate treat toppers. Crafted from the finest Mokuba ribbon, these jewels are the crowning touch for a celebratory sweet treat. FROM \$90 EACH, CHAPEAU DE GATEAU, TORONTO, 416-904-5645 TO ORDER; CHAPEAUDEGATEAU.COM. CAKE, PAPIILLON CAKES, TORONTO, 416-414-0836 TO ORDER; PAPIILLONCAKES.CA.

3 Tired of standard Blekinge white? The upholstery possibilities for your favourite **IKEA chairs and sofas** have just exploded. Stockholm-based e-taiJer Bemz makes washable slipcovers in more than 80 cotton and linen fabrics designed specifically to fit popular **IKEA** models. PRISMA STRIPE COTTON IN EGGSHELL BLUE FOR **IKEA'S** GÖTEBORG THREE-SEAT SOFA, \$396, BEMZ, BEMZ.COM TO ORDER.



space stats How do the numbers stack up when it comes to small-space living?

- "Americans don't understand small-unit slyle for a small price," says Brad J. Lamb, president of Brad J. Lamb Realty in Toronto. In Canada's largest cities, you can buy a **300-square-foot** studio suite, while south of the border an **800-square-foot** one-bedroom is the smallest condo on the market.
- Approximately **18,000** condos were sold in Toronto in 2007. During the same period, about **6,000** were sold in Chicago, and **1,000** each in Philadelphia and London, England.
- The average bedroom in a Canadian condo is **nine by 10 feet**. In the US., it's **13 by 16 feet**

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small-space smarts "Keep the floor as clear as possible," says Sir Terence Conran, designer and author of *How To Live in Small Spaces* (\$30, Firefly, 2007), "Your choice of furniture is one of the quickest ways to devour the floor space and clutter a room. Think about what you really need - one or two large comfortable sofas might represent a better use of space than cluttering your living room with several armchairs." - NR

