

# THE GAY AGENDA

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## Trophy Games

Jump on board one of home décor's latest trends—cruelty-free animal sculptures adding safari style to your bare walls

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Animal cruelty is so passé. That's why home design retailers are getting into the safari spirit with a modern take on taxidermy—the faux animal wall bust. This cruelty-free alternative includes animal heads made from all kinds of materials to suit your style, including resin, papier-mâché, even iron. It takes the "ew" factor out of using our four-legged friends as decoration, and it's great for animal lovers looking to bring life into their home in lieu of ... well, an animal corpse.

### 1. White Faux Taxidermy

Welcome to the faux taxidermy wonderland, where resin reigns and the possibilities are endless. In addition to offering the more typically sought after animal wall mounts like moose, deer and giraffes, White Faux Taxidermy also sells the unusual—unicorns, sharks, alligators and even a T-Rex. Most pieces are available in a variety of finishes and colors, making it hard to buy just one. [whitefauxtaxidermy.com](http://whitefauxtaxidermy.com)

### 2. West Elm

For the animal lover and environmentalist, West Elm offers a range of white papier-mâché animal heads. Each one is hand-crafted in Haiti and made from recycled materials, adding style to your home without any of the guilt. Choose from more traditional animals like the moose or deer, or go wild with a zebra, rhino or impala. 8366 Beverly Blvd., L.A. [westelm.com](http://westelm.com)

### 3. Naked Decor

Antlers, horns and ears, oh my! Whether it's woodland or safari creatures you seek, any of this online company's resin, hand-painted papier-mâché or decoupaged resin animal wall mounts will add a pop of color and a touch of class to your lonely white walls, like the wild rabbit head pictured at right, great for any gay man's bedroom. [nakeddecor.com](http://nakeddecor.com)



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#### 4. Anthropologie

Explore your heavy metal side with an iron animal wall bust from Anthropologie. Although these are priced on the higher end and start at \$108, the dark iron finish adds a badass medieval look to any wall. Trust us—you've never seen stags, rabbits and elephants look this bold. 519 Americana Way, Glendale, [anthropologie.com](http://anthropologie.com)

#### 5. CB2

Nothing captures taxidermy's modern-day makeover better than "Goldie the Wall Hanging Ram" at CB2. The exclusive accessory was designed by the husband-and-wife-design team behind its Novogratz Holiday Collection, and it combines texture and luxury in one sleek piece. The ram's head is crafted from white polyresin with gilded horns. 8000 Sunset Blvd., WeHo, [cb2.com](http://cb2.com)

#### 6. Z Gallerie

Faux taxidermy gets real at Z Gallerie. Each animal head is crafted from white resin with a sleek finish, shaped as life-like as possible. Take your pick from a vast lineup—deer, moose, gazelle, ram, rhino and giraffe. Of course, it doesn't get any more real than the moose head, which is scaled to life at a whopping 31 inches tall. 422 N. Beverly Dr., Bev. Hills, [zgallerie.com](http://zgallerie.com)

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## DIM SUM DELIVERY

**NEW YORK CITY TRANSPLANTS** will bitch about our pizza and bagels ad nauseum, but everyone can agree that L.A.'s biggest culinary problem is the lack of easily accessible, high-quality Chinese food. A once-in-a-while outing to the San Gabriel Valley on this or that hot tip is one thing, but it's still not right that our access to genuine soup dumplings and chewy tapioca pearls—something that should be a weekly staple in every household—can't be had closer to home. Young entrepreneur **Kirin Kang** felt the same way and launched ToGo626, named for SGV's area code, in September. By now the service has signed 70 authentic restaurants—from old-school dim sum joints to handmade Shaanxi noodle houses—and will haul them much further than that kid on a bike in NYC. Kang's core business is all within 10 miles of the culinary hotspot, but some orders—in insulated containers—have ranged as far as 40 miles. Xièxiè! Order your next meal from [togo626.com](http://togo626.com). —**Tom Paul Jones**

