

shop of the month

**BOLD CHOICES.**  
Six-foot Wing Chair, P47,500, Ottoman, P15,800, another Wing Chair, P40,000, (below) Customized Headboard, P28,700, Bed Box, P7,445, King Koil Mattress, P51,150

**"MAHILIG KAMI MAGPAGANDA [NG BAHAY],"** says interior designer and Home Makeovers owner Andrew Galutera of the beginnings of this store. He and his partner, jeweler and businesswoman Celi Sy Sarabia, worked together for the latter's hotels and other projects, and their interest in interiors prompted them to set up shop.

"We want our clients to be happy and turn their houses [into something that looks like] minakeover," says Andrew, hence the name of the store. "We have modern European, Neo-Baroque, [and] modern Italian. We also have sorts of classics with a [modern] twist." Items are imported from selected countries and are arranged in charming vignettes in this 240-sqm store. Pieces are unique, and some are eye-catching, like the six-foot Wing Chair (P47,500), Teal Dining Chair, P17,000, and Floral Upholstered Sofa (P75,700). They even carry kneelers for P7,800 (big) and P6,500 (small), and offer free interior decorating for their clients. Wall coverings from Best and Zaccariotto Cucine kitchen fittings are also available. They also work with artist Gina Bocar for some of the designs.

Home Makeovers is off to a good start, with swift turnovers, and a steady stream of interior designers and homeowners coming in. Andrew hopes that their now three-month-old store will be "bigger and better" in the future. ■

**HOME MAKEOVERS**  
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**Owners:** Celi Sy Sarabia, jeweler and businesswoman; Andrew Galutera, interior designer  
**Specialty:** Modern European, Neo Baroque, and modern Italian pieces  
**Sources of items:** Imported from selected countries  
**Memorable Experiences:** "Hinakot niya [client] kaagad ang dems. Naguturo lang Mayroon pang isa. 'Yung manager ng Triumph, na-amaze ni siya doon sa signage. Sa pangalan pa lang ng Home Makeovers, na-engganyo [na siya]," says Andrew.

**Favorite Items:** "Lahat," says Andrew. "I like the chandeliers and the furniture." For the accent chairs, one of his favorites is the Patterned Wing Chair (P61,200).  
**Bestsellers:** "Our bestsellers are chandeliers and lampshades and furniture. Also, our candelabras, nabebenta kaagad."  
**Interesting Finds:** White Chest of Drawers with Handpainted Sunflower by Gina Bocar, P20,300; Decorative Pillows, P600 to P1,800

# HOME MAKEOVERS

*A specialty boutique that's full to the brim with furniture and décor will surely help you transform your home*

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