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## SLOW DISH

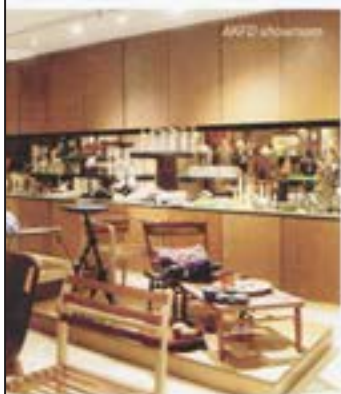
A foodie must-do: delight in a candlelit dinner in the leafy courtyard at Samode Haveli. Start at dusk with a glass of wine; then dig into the house specialty, *raan-e-samode*, an overnight-marinated leg of lamb roasted over charcoal. Be sure to order the dish one day in advance.



Along line the Haveli's reflecting pool



The lounge, adjacent to the at fresco courtyard



## FURNITURE FIND

Design lovers will find it's worth a stop into AKFD for some of the best contemporary crafted furniture, lighting and accessories in India. Proprietor Aysh Kaaliwal also runs an interior and architectural design business. Ancient techniques, like turned-wood bowls and beat brass, are ingrained into the culturally sensitive Rajasthan art and craft pieces.

## shop JAIPUR STYLE



Left to right: Old Door from Saurashtra in Solid Teak Wood, \$5,350, [aerichome.com](http://aerichome.com); Cypress Queen Bed in Light Mahogany Blue Linen, Jeter/Rubenstein, priced from \$4,500, [cypressmk.com](http://cypressmk.com); Flair End Table/Desk in RHT, \$1,300, [terrapinlamps.com](http://terrapinlamps.com); Freshly Serving Spoon, in Gold, \$48.50 for set, [indiaobject.com](http://indiaobject.com)

## RAMPING UP

A special feature of the Haveli, the elephant ramp at the entrance, was constructed in the 1940s for the marriage ceremony of the late Rawal Sahib's aunt. Uncover the ornate and intimate pavilions, archways and murals throughout, combining Moghul and local styles. The spectacular hand-painted dining room offers indoor and al fresco seating, perfect for afternoon tea. Original colorful marble floors, stained-glass windows and the noble family's antiques add to the genuine atmosphere.

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**Soup to Nuts:** With small studios and artisans all over the country working in the craft sector and intersecting with the Indian design schools and foreigners, India is a bouillabaisse of design. Finding a place where good designers work directly with artisans is always exciting.

**Purchase Power:** I love the hand-loomed khadi ghar shops on M.I. Road. I find stores in every town with odd assortments of hand-woven cottons and silks by the yard. It's fun to make them up into kurtas and jackets. Anokhi has great traditional block prints and shops as well as an excellent organic restaurant in Jaipur. Also, Fab India is in all of the major towns and I love their retro-styled clothes made with hand-loomed fabrics, but watch out for shrinkage! **To Market:** Sometimes there is a flea market in Jaipur inside the old city on the weekends and you can find some lovely old photos and drawings if you dig around. Head through Johari Bazaar, Tripolia Bazaar and keep going! **Eye on Design:** Alexander Gorlizki is a Brit who I met ages ago at Digg Palace who works with Indian miniature paintings to create an alternate reality that I think I want to visit someday. Desmond Lazaro is another miniature painter who wrote an amazing book. He and his lovely wife have a cool home shop in Pondichery called La Maison Rose. **Gallery Walk:** I like the Craft Museum in Delhi, as they usually have artisans from all over India in their courtyard making and you can buy right from the artisan, eliminating those pesky middlemen!