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One of Atlanta's premier African-American interior designers, *Jack Poles*, 27, realizes his clients' vision with fervor. The creator of J. Poles Interiors, he draws on a strong background of floral design and retail merchandising to create dramatic spaces, including the Lake Rabun home of environmentalists Rutherford and Laura Turner Seydel. But as much as this designer bestows inspired designs on his clients, they inspire him, too. "Laura has been one of my greatest mentors in terms of eco-friendly design; she really gets the credit for opening my eyes," Poles says. As a result, this designer is doing his part to make green products more accessible. In December, he opened Wallpaper Your World in Snellville, featuring eco-friendly wall coverings. The shop, he says, pairs perfectly with the adjacent Fabric Mart, which sells natural fabrics and handmade rugs. And in June, Poles plans to open Cups, an eco-friendly coffee and wine bar. Don't think, however, that he's left his passion for interior design behind. On the contrary; he wants to do it all. "My work isn't work to me," he says. "It's almost community service, in a way. I think everyone should have a nice home, one that makes them happy." —HJP

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