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Meet six of the city's hottest designing duos. Whether they're creating drop-dead interiors, making cutting-edge furniture or building sustainable structures, Chicago's top power couples are true forces of collaboration

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PENNYWISE

Ryan dreams up simple, modern and economical pieces like CB2's new Slab dining table. Jessica integrates them seamlessly into high-end projects like this glamorous condo, where white cube tables from CB2 anchor the room.

**OUTER LIMITS**

Jessica warmed up an ice-cold condo with frosty limestone floors and floor-to-ceiling windows by cladding a living room wall in thin yet sumptuous walnut slats.

"When you work in design... you change your mind a lot," notes Ryan Turf, who calls Jessica the "only constant" he never wavers on.

**POWER PLAYER**

Among the new best sellers brought to market by the design and production team Ryan heads at CB2 are the Parlour sofa and the L_MP floor lamp, an ironic play on the game hangman.

**GRAND ENTRANCE**

"You need a good opener in everything you do," says Jessica, who uses basic black and white in this dramatic foyer.

CHEZ TURF Things change routinely in the Turfs' Lakeview townhouse, and a vintage oak farmhouse harvest table is about to go. Ryan admits, "I'm over it, and want to trade it out for a new (CB2) table that's coming out in January. It will look great with the Bertola dining chairs Jessica topped with herringbone tweed pads."

Jessica Turf, 33 Ryan Turf, 34

Jessica: Interior designer,
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Ryan: CB2 Product
manager, cb2.com

Jessica Turf outfits homes, and Ryan Turf develops furnishings to fill them. But given the star stature of their employers—the boutique design firm Jessica Lagrange Interiors and the mass market innovator CB2—they're both leaders in their chosen areas of design. Both Turfs took circuitous and singular routes to their professions after matriculating in the same class at college, even though they became a couple shortly after graduation. She started out in advertising and went back to design school, while he tried out teaching and the restaurant world before working the sales floor at CB2 as hired holiday help.

Today, they love to collaborate, even though they work for different companies. "We bounce ideas off each other all the time, and we love to show each other new product. Especially since he

gets to go to the Milan Furniture Fair," says Jessica, who's a constant source of valuable feedback. "She might think the legs are off on something or the scale is awkward, but the reasoning behind her opinion always gives me something new to consider," he explains.

The couple's favorite collaboration to date is their new Lakeview townhouse, where they're forging a high-low mix of CB2/Crate & Barrel and pieces from local antique stores. "I get tired of things more quickly than she does," confesses Ryan. "When you develop new products, you can't wait to try them out." He's currently lobbying to trade an antique farmhouse table for a modern CB2 one coming out in January. But the biggest home change will be the nursery, since they're expecting their first child in December.