

Quality Home Goods for Less



Welcome to our blog series which highlights some of the great finds available at Michaan's Auctions monthly Annex Auctions. In this series, we will highlight a few examples of furniture and other home goods recently sold at Michaan's Annex Auction and compare them with their supposed equivalent from a big retail option such as IKEA, Wayfair, and others.

Luckily quality options from years past are still available at Michaan's

Annex Auctions. Every month, we sell hundreds of gently used furniture pieces, each featuring a unique and beautifully crafted design that will last decades longer than the modern alternative. Better yet, gently used furniture from Michaan's Auctions regularly sells at much lower prices than in-store options.

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Annex Highlights

The first set of home goods we will review today is the **Collection of California Rainbow Pottery Tableware** which sold for \$293 in Michaan's Annex Auctions March sale. This set of pottery tableware features a significant number of items in a unified, classic, homely design made new with the use of bright, joyful colors. This massive collection of items will provide a matching set fit for entertaining in your first home, with the quality and design to become family heirlooms, and fits into both modern and classically designed homes. These pieces have a long history, as they were manufactured by the California Rainbow Pottery, a company that went out of business in the 1940s. Now collector's items, these pieces represent a special era of southern Californian design and are rumored to have been fabricated as

white-label items for department store sales by esteemed brand Meyers and Bauer.

Even taken simply for their utility value, without reference to the unique and historic design present, the value of the tableware pieces far exceeds its sales price, especially if one were building a collection of similar items from individual sources. Even replicating this set from cheap retailers such as Target would easily double the price offered at Michaan's Auctions, while a set from luxury retailers such as West Elm or Sak's 5th Avenue only includes plates and bowls at this price range. When we consider the fine design and historic value of the **Collection of California Rainbow Pottery Tableware** items, neither retail option will match the heritage and fine design regularly on offer at Michaan's Auctions.

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The second collection of items sold at our March Annex Auction is a **Set of Fitz and Floyd Dishes** which sold for \$117. This set includes enough salad and dinner plates, as well as saucers to host a dinner party of significant size. Each item features a white base and center, with an adobe-colored rim. This simple design is enhanced by fine details, evidenced by the small interior bands of color on the salad and dinner plates, as well as the raised edges which prevent spills while maintaining the sophisticated design. Overall, this set offers an elegant design with friendly colors that suit both formal dinner events and everyday use.

In comparison, starter sets of dishware, even from independent designers such as Dansk Cafe Blanc Stripe Porcelain Dinnerware, 16-Piece Set, cost significantly more and offer fewer dishes to buyers. For \$150, buyers

only receive dishes for four, although a few small cups are added, and are let down by a less elegant design which makes the items best suited for casual events and get-togethers rather than holiday or extended family gatherings. Furthermore, it lacks the color and visual impact of the **Set of Fitz and Floyd Dishes** sold at Michaan's Auctions.



Next Sale

As you can see, Michaan's Annex Auctions can offer a higher quality item for a lower price than major retailers. Registration and bidding are intuitive

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processes and can be done 100% online! You don't even need to watch the auction, simply submit an absentee or online bid, and check back at the end of the sale to see if you've won the item.

The April Annex Auction is being held Monday, April 15th; Tuesday, April 16th; and Wednesday, April 17th. This venue gives collectors a wide variety of jewelry, fine art, decorative arts,

furniture, Asian art, stamps, and coins to choose from. The auction includes over 2,500 lots, most estimated under \$300.

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