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WHAT'S HOT



Crown & Crumpet is making high tea a hip and stylish event.

## High-Style, High-Design Tea

Something hot is brewing in Ghiradelli Square.

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The way Christopher and Amy Dean see it, there are two kinds of tearooms in San Francisco: grandma-style establishments rife with dusty doilies or sleek Asian-style lounges. Believing leaf-lovers are after something different, the duo launched Crown & Crumpet in Ghiradelli Square. "If Paul Smith, Vivienne Westwood, and Cath Kidson opened a tearoom in London, it might look like Crown & Crumpet," says Amy Dean. Translation: décor that's traditional-English-wit-meets-modern.

You'll find a number of charming tables and a fireplace sporting a flat screen television playing video of a crackling fire interspersed with quick shots of English royals. Tea sets carry messages in the saucers, helpful advice such as: "Never trust a man who, when left alone in a room with a tea cozy, doesn't try it on." And, of course, there are 30 kinds of high-quality tea backed by nibbles from across the pond, including tea sandwiches, crumpets, clotted cream, and jam. Dean sums it up this way: "It's the concept of having high tea in a sophisticated London hotel, but with a kick in the pants." ■

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