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Museum of Craft and Design finds a permanent home

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Future site of the museum
(Credit: Museum of Craft and Design)

On the move: Dogpatch has perhaps cemented its artsy, cool reputation with the planned addition of its very own museum. The Museum of Craft and Design has announced it will move into the neighborhood's American Industrial Center on Third Street this year.

For those paying very close attention to the musical chairs that is Mid-Market property

development, you'll recall that the museum was slated to move into that area last year after a dispute with its Union Square landlord. But that deal — like some others on the downtrodden strip — was called off for unspecified reasons. The museum has instead held a series of temporary "pop-up" exhibitions around the city since then.

Now, the museum has found a permanent, 8,000-square-foot home that will include a gallery,

special event and workshop space, and executive offices. Gary Hutton Design is leading the work with a grand opening planned for mid-2012.

JoAnn Edwards, executive director of the museum, called Dogpatch "one of San Francisco's most exciting neighborhoods." But Mid-Market is exciting too — if you like your excitement with a very sharp edge.

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