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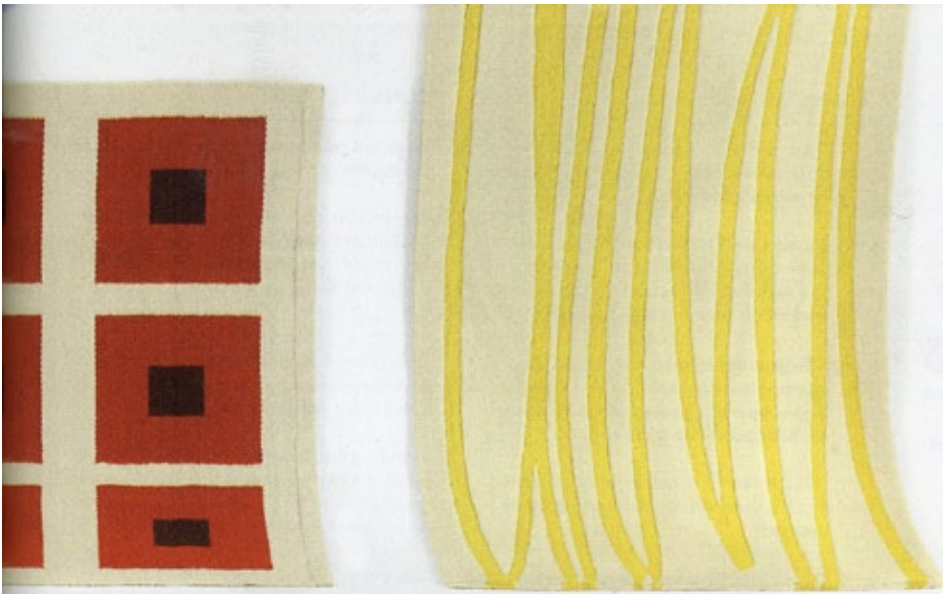
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Going Rug



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Whether you want to soften up a hardwood, stretch out on the floor for an afternoon nap, or walk around barefoot making fists with your toes like Bruce Willis in *Die Hard*, an area rug is exactly what you're looking for. We rounded up a series of show-stopping patterns and sensible solids to suit any room in the house. Yippee ki-yay!



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Floor cushions
by Dana Barnes Design
Hand-felted merino wool
3'2" W x 3'2" L x 3.5" H
\$2,500
souledobjects.com

These are plush enough for those who, on occasion, prefer the floor to the couch for reading and relaxing.

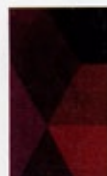
Wayward crumbs may be forever lost within the depths of these chunky stitches.



Spiral
by Martín Azúa and Gerard Moliné for Nanimarquina
Hand-stitched New Zealand wool
5'6" W x 7'10" L
\$1,100
nanimarquina.com

A large, solid-colored rug can act like a frame—creating a space within a space that breaks up a bigger area—and is ideal for anchoring a coffee table and sofa.

Only offered in muted ecru and brown, Spiral won't exactly spice up a low-key living-room palette.



Step
by Tom Dixon for the Rug Company
150-knot Tibetan wool
6' W x 9' L
\$5,760
therugcompany.info

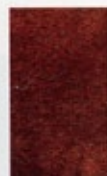
Classic television test patterns played muse for the gradient geometrics of Step, and its deep tones are ideal to keep a media room dark when the lights go down.

Trodding the finely crafted, individually hand-stitched rosettes is fine, but dogs and small children won't likely have any pangs about gleefully picking them off.

The Rug Company is registered with Good-Weave, which works to ensure and certify child labor-free products.

Black rugs may be pros at hiding stains, but they also act as all-powerful magnets that attract every light-colored speck of lint floating around your place. Beware the starry-night effect.

You're paying for quality design, and a handcrafted Tom Dixon don't come cheap.



Dubai
by Mat the Basics
Handwoven polyester
6'6" W x 9'9" L
\$1,250
mat-thebasics.com

A throwback like Dubai will soften up the crisp lines of a stark modern aesthetic.

Dubai's long pile will flatten out—but a simple shake or two should fluff it up again.

Some might argue that shag went out of style when Graceland became a tourist attraction, but we say they're all shook up.

Watch where you step! Shag acts as perfect camouflage for the little pointy things—screws, toy soldiers, staples—that tend to make their way onto our floors.



Peter
by Jonathan Adler
Hand-loomed llama wool
4' W x 6' L
\$2,200
jonathanadler.com

The Design Your Own function allows you to customize the color—20 hues available—and size of your Peter.

A rug with a pattern this pronounced could make an already busy space feel downright frenetic. Make sure your decor can handle such a potent hip-to-be-square vibe.

Aid to Artisans has helped develop and maintain the craft practices of the Peruvian weavers who make these rugs.

If you stare at Peter long enough, we swear you'll see a magic-eye rendition of Jonathan Adler's smiling face.



Hut
by Melina Raissnia for Peace Industry
Felt lamb's wool, natural dyes
6' W x 8' L
\$1,680
peaceindustry.com

Wool is naturally stain resistant, and the variety used by Peace Industry will shed and pill far less than a mohair sweater.

Melina Raissnia's designs are produced using ancient Iranian techniques in the company's workshop in Tehran—part of the well-known Axis of Weavil. Recent trade restrictions have forced Peace Industry to move their production facility to Turkey.

Hut's concentrated pattern won't overwhelm your sitting area.



Caramelos
by José A. Gandía-Blasco for Gandia Blasco
Cotton
2'3" W x 3'7" L
\$300
gan-rugs.com

The surrealist-in-Crayola-style rug comes in four jewel-toned hues that would mark the right spot in a reading nook or between a couple of easy chairs.

New parents may find rugs attract spills, splatters, and spit-up. For small children, it may be best to opt out of a covering altogether. As the tot matures, Caramelos would be an ideal addition to the playroom.

If you've managed to make an uncleanable mark on your existing carpet or hardwood, a small rug can provide the ideal cover-up.

An extra-large room will gobble up this poor little Caramelo.



Lines
by Peggy Wong for bluepoolroad
Wool
3' W x 5' L
\$240
bluepoolroad.com

Rooms that are short on square footage can benefit from lighter-colored rugs, which give the effect of opening up the space.

Foot traffic might take a toll on this fair variety. It's a good idea to keep Lines farther away from the front door, where dirty soles often tread.

Like an ever-present fresh bouquet, the swathes of yellow and white will perennially brighten up your space.

Despite the subtle textural shift between yellow and white, Lines falls a little flat in the facility department. ■