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Holidays gone wild

Savage style and ferocious fashion

Trends Lush gowns and fabulous furs for the ladies, colorful jackets for the gents **Gifts** Luxury items for your loved ones **Spotlight** California in winter **Art** "Squat Beirut" at Metropolitan Art Society **Celebrities** Tamara Mellon, Leila Kanaan and Stevie Nicks **Destinations** Venice, Hawaii and Austria

Magic carpets

By Marie Le Fort

Choose an artsy rug for your interior space

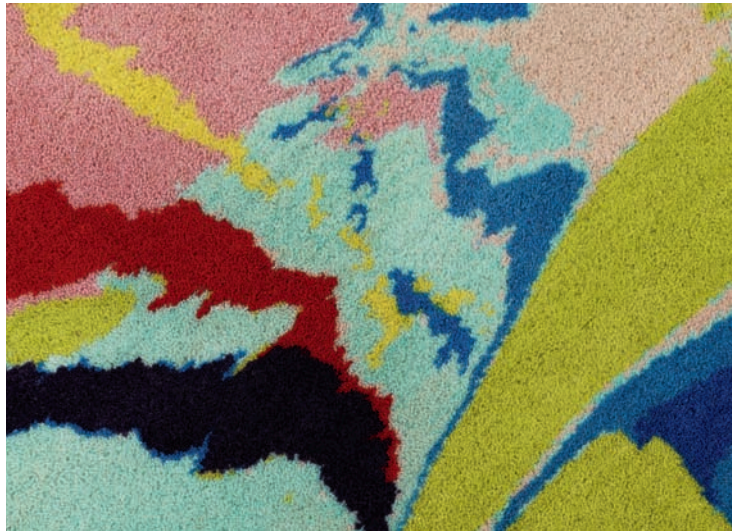


The Rug Company (left)
Three years in the making, Alexander McQueen's rug collection for The Rug Company takes craftsmanship to couture levels, encapsulating both labels' combined commitment to unique design, unequalled quality and skilled craftsmanship. The new rugs are called Monarch Smoke, Monarch Fire (pictured here) and Poppy Day, and their motifs are bold, rich and contemporary. *The Rug Company, Hermitage Bldg., Shehadeh St., Tabaris, Ashrafieh, Beirut, tel. 01.322.090. therugcompany.com*



Dinosaur Designs (left)
Australian creative directors and co-founders of Dinosaur Designs, Louise Olsen and Stephen Ormandy, recently unveiled a new collection of rugs featuring six different motifs. "We wanted to play with big planes of color with this series and work from a really warm palette to a very cool blue palette," says Olsen. This new collection was created for Australian company Designer Rugs. Visit dinosaurdesigns.com.au

The Carpetologue (above)
To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Parisian studio M/M, London-based Gallery Libby Sellers commissioned a series of rugs for last year's exhibition, "The Carpetologue." The hand-knotted wool carpets, produced by Abhishek Poddar in Varanasi, India, are sold as limited editions through the gallery. "The carpets express M/M's distinctive graphic approach," says Libby Sellers. Visit libbysellers.com



Other Criteria (left)

Artist Damien Hirst has created four limited edition handmade rugs for Other Criteria. Available exclusively at Other Criteria's London store, the four colorful wool rugs are each based on one of the artist's iconic "Spin" paintings. Sporting eccentric names like "Beautiful Saucy Spit Roast It'll All End in Tears Rug" and "Beautiful Abstract Landscape Pretentious Art Nonsense Rug," the rugs are hand-knotted and range from two to three meters in diameter. Only three to seven pieces of each model are available for purchase. Visit othercriteria.com

Form Us With Love (right)

Swedish design studio Form Us With Love teamed up with JoV, the Belgian experts in hand tufting, to create the Hidden Stockholm Carpets, three hand tufted artisan pieces made of fine New Zealand wool and tufted in a small factory in Porto, Portugal. Inspired by Sweden's capital city, the graphic rugs come in royal blue, pale green and industrial gray. Visit formuswithlove.se



Sabine de Gunzburg (left)

Sabine de Gunzburg was recently profiled in *Elle Décor*. The magazine featured a spread highlighting De Gunzburg's breathtaking Paris apartment, which was designed, according to De Gunzburg, "à la Chanel." It's from this very same apartment that De Gunzburg creates her splendid rugs, inspired by the works of artists like the late Francis Picabia. Her carpets are handcrafted in Nepal, Kashmir and India. Visit s2gdesign.com