

GALLERY

Your luxury living edit—interiors, design, art, architecture, and style

Interiors

DRAMATIC PAUSE

British design wunderkind **Lee Broom** didn't let the small matter of lockdown stop him from launching his Maestro chair in style. A virtual presentation featured musicians seated (safely apart) on the chairs playing music by Debussy. This grand gesture was a direct nod to the chair's design—the curved steel wirework is designed to bring to mind instruments from the brass section of a classical orchestra. “Music continually informs and directs where I take my work,” says Broom of the chair. Maestro is available in three finishes—a soft satin brass, futuristic mirrored chrome, and matte black—and can be upholstered in velvet, wool, or leather. leebroom.com





Watches

THE X FACTOR

The designers of Ulysse Nardin's new Blast watches looked to the sleek, sharp lines of stealth aircraft for inspiration. The "horns" at the bottom of the watch, for example, mimic their sharp wings, and have alternating polished, satin-finish, and sand-blasted veneers. The Blast—a 45 mm openworked automatic tourbillon with three days of reserve power—is available in four variations, two named Fire and two named Ice. Ice: White Blast, features a "palette straight out of Antarctica," in "white ceramic, metallic gray, dark blue, and beautiful transparency." Ice: Blue Blast, its creators say, is "cool blue, like the inside of an iceberg." Fire: Black Blast, features a black rectangular bridge with a red-and-black "double X" pattern and stunning new red balance wheel—the first colored wheel the brand has produced, while Fire: Rose Gold Blast, shown here, is crafted from "one of the most precious metals on earth."

ullyse-nardin.com

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Interiors

Technicolor glory

Minimalists, look away now. When 2020's Milan Furniture Fair was canceled, **Scarlet Splendour** decided to champion the designers and craftsmen it works with, and who suddenly found themselves potentially out of business. The result was Scarlet Scenes 2020, a collection of pieces designed to transport us into "a world of drama, dance, song, and laughter," while being reminiscent of movies. Sculptor and designer Marcantonio Raimondi Malerba, for example, cocreated the Forest collection, which includes Gorilla, an ape-shaped seat, and the zingy Leaf rug. Elena Salmistraro, meanwhile, helped produce the Chhau Donna Cabinet, shown, inspired by India's Chhau dancers.

scarletsplendour.com



luxurydefined.com



Photography

Fast shooter

Interchangeable lens cameras have tended to be bulky, and best left to professional photographers, but **Sony** wants to change all that with its Alpha line. The latest addition is the A7C, a compact, retro-styled DSLR that weighs just over 18 oz (510 g) with battery and memory card installed. Don't be fooled by its petite size however, as the A7C has a 24.2 megapixel full-frame back-illuminated Exmor R CMOS sensor, a super-fast autofocus system, and 5-axis image stabilization. It can also shoot 4K video.

sony.com

Homewares

OFF THE CATWALK

Before **Kelly Martin** opened her own interior designer firm, she worked in the wood shop of a commercial design-build company, later moving into custom furniture design for a retailer in L.A. Martin has now launched her own furniture line, AtelierXKM. Her first foray into own-brand homewares consists of three thoughtful pieces, each named after icons of the fashion world. The Sonia daybed is named after Sonia Rykiel, while the Gigli side table pays homage to Romeo Gigli, and is a sculptural take on his "power dressing" style. Coco completes the trio, which "channels the timeless feminine designs of [Coco] Chanel in combination with the hourglass shape that [Christian] Dior mastered."

atelierxkm.com



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Furniture

NOVEL IDEA

If you've always wanted to pen that long-dreamed-of book, or perhaps your memoirs, you'll need a suitable desk at which to sit. The Era Scrittorio from Italian design house **Living Divani** is an elegant example, with a drawer and shelf for your writing essentials. Designed by David Lopez Quincoces, the desk's frame is available in steel with gunmetal or matte brass and its top can be veneered in stone oak or walnut. Its drawer, meanwhile, can be custom-lacquered in a variety of glossy shades. The desk is, of course, as suited to homeworking and home office chores as it is to writing the next bestseller.

livingdivani.it



Fitness

SACRED CIRCLE

Yogis Heidi Benham and Toby Marshman created **Form** because they "wanted to create stunning, high-performance fitness products that do good for the environment." Their mats, officially carbon-neutral and made from recycled rubber and plastic bottles, look more like something you would put on your wall than on your floor. All have a natural non-slip rubber base and a grip-friendly soft top layer, and the company offers round mats as well as standard-sized ones.

theform.co.uk

Lighting

Oriental mood

Seamlessly blending twin cultural elements—elegant colored Murano glass and decorative Chinese floral motifs—the Samurai lamp is the fruit of a collaboration between lighting brand **Barovier&Toso** and Misha Wallcoverings. Murano-based Barovier&Toso, which has been producing glassware for seven centuries, scoured the wallpaper company's archives, landing on its China Classic collection as the perfect design to adorn its lamp bases, inspired by a 1966 work by Angelo Barovier.

barovier.com



Seating

Ahead of the curve

Los Angeles-based architect **Jerome Byron** says he was fascinated with the idea of concrete indoor seating because of its mass and weight.

"It's obviously not a material known for its portability," he admits.

"The challenge was to create something lightweight." Rising to that task, Byron began experimenting with glass fiber reinforced concrete, which can be used for thinner structures. The finished result is a series of curvaceous stools and benches in delicate shades of yellow, pink, purple, and gray. The stools are made by pouring base material into a flat rubber mold, which is allowed to dry slightly before being curved.

jbyron-h.com



Bedding

Sleep easy

If you like your bedding to be warm in winter but cool in summer, you need linen. Producing responsibly crafted linens, **Rough Linen** of California traces its origins back to a stone cottage in Scotland, where the ancestors of company founder Tricia Rose spun their own fabrics. Today Rose uses a variety of linens to produce not just bedding but tablecloths, towels, homewares, and clothing that should endure for generations. Orkney, a strong and heavy linen with a pleasingly rough texture is perfect for cooler nights, while the lighter St. Barts is ideal for summer. There's also a collection of sleepwear including tees, boxer shorts, a longer sleep shirt, and kimono gown robe.

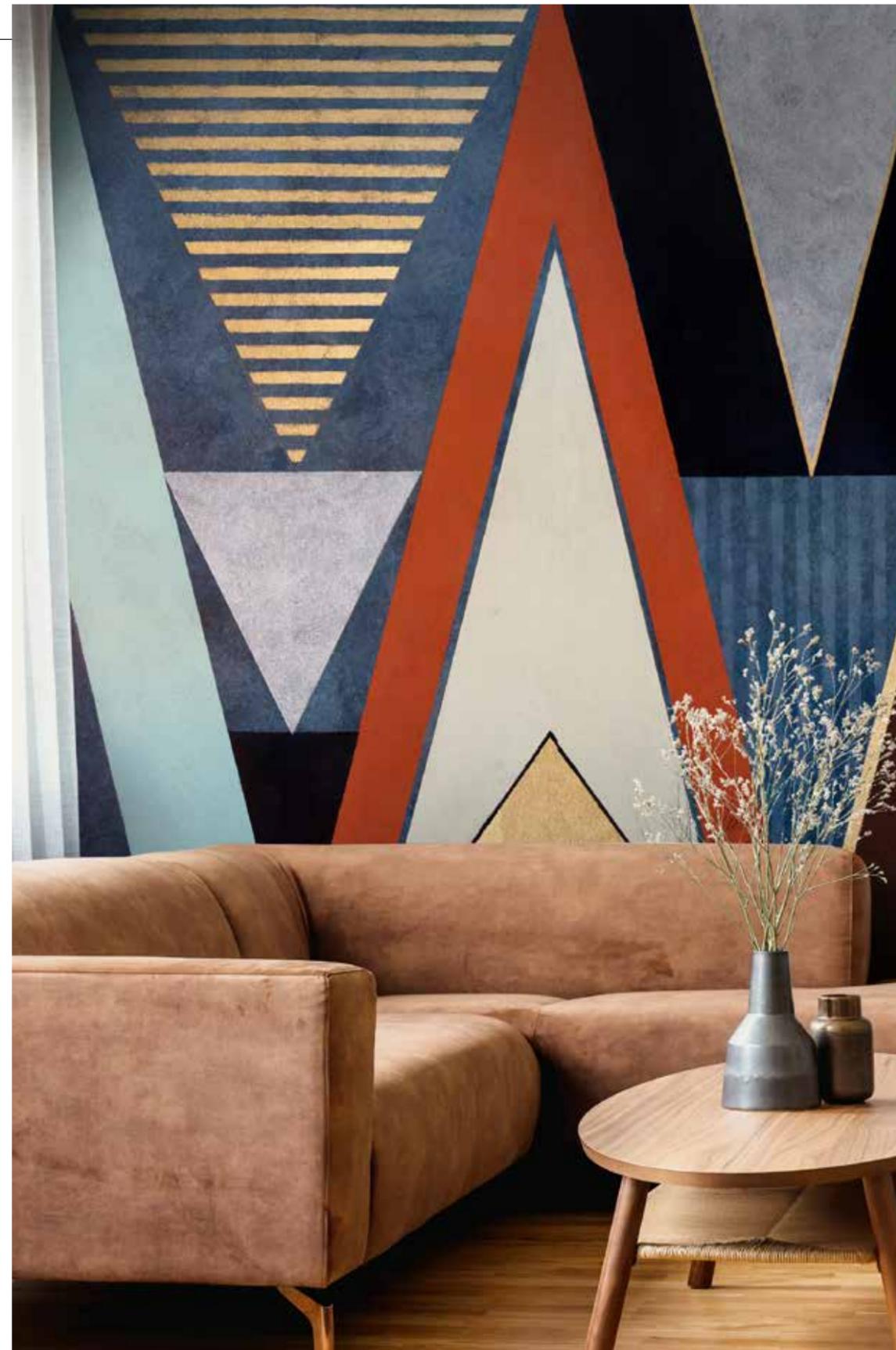
roughlinen.com

**Furniture**

FAMILY AFFAIR

Casamilano's roots date back, indirectly, to 1929 when Carlo Turati set up an artisanal furniture business in Brianza, northern Italy. At the end of the 20th century his grandchildren Anna, Elena, and Carlo set up a company of their own—Casamilano. Today Casamilano is known for its clean, contemporary designs, and also for its impeccable green credentials. Casamilano's furniture production is "zero-kilometer," being made entirely in Brianza from local materials. The company recently debuted its first 100 percent eco-sustainable sofa, the modular Pillopipe, which takes its name from the piping on its super comfortable cushions. Other new additions include the sturdy Ada armchair and a bookshelf inspired by Mondrian (shown).

casamilanohome.com

**Wallpaper**

GRAPHIC EFFECTS

However much of a statement you want your statement wall to make, Italian wallpaper expert **WallPepper** has the design for you. The company's latest collections include *Ambiente*, which recalls the marvels of nature, including overblown florals and leaf designs, *Kronos*, inspired by architecture and frescos, and *Up-to-date*, featuring eye-popping optical effects, eclectic mixes of shapes and colors, and abstract creations, as well as designs that reproduce surfaces like marble, concrete, wood, and metal.

wallpepper.it

