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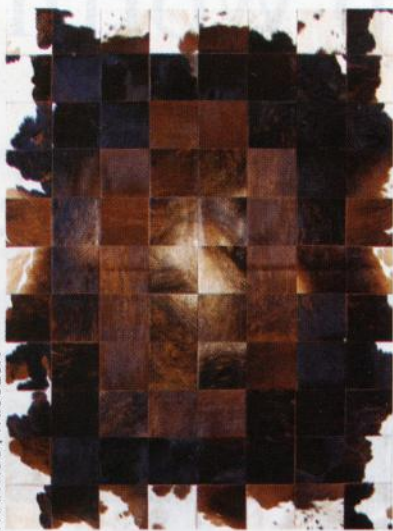


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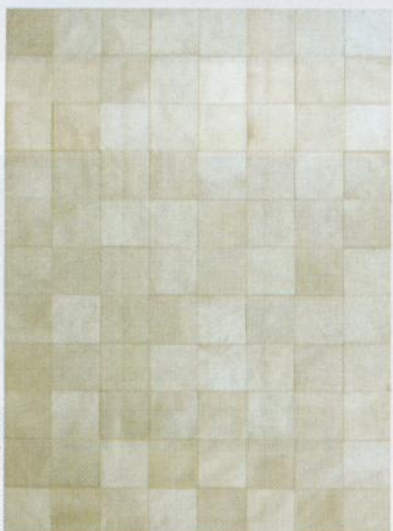
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would hang. I like the way the light comes through them when they're lowered or the way they look when they're rolled up neatly and tied off cleanly. I even love the sound they make when they are rolled and unrolled. They're both clean and modern and yet hark back to an older time. I like that merging of the new and the old.

**Abigail Turin**  
*designer*

For a house we're doing in Cape Town, South Africa, we've created shutters made of thin, long eucalyptus branches. It's something they do all the time for pergolas there, but we've taken that language and used it in a different way. It's basically a crisp metal frame and inside are these natural branches. So instead of louvers on traditional shutters, we have the twigs. And these are arranged vertically rather than horizontally. It's part of a window system arranged along tracks—it slides in the same way as that of a mosquito screen. The shadow that's cast through the shutters is very organic, but it's in the middle of this minimal frame. It's our means of suncreening.

**Jessica Lagrange**  
*designer*

One new thing I've been noticing is the UV film being applied to windows in Chicago high-rises. They apply an extremely faint tint to your windows, and it protects all of your fabrics and furniture from being faded by ultraviolet rays. (It's like tinting your car windows.) As a result you can use the more delicate, sheer and lighter fabrics on your windows rather than the heavy drapery. And you don't even know it's on the windows. You still have the sunny views.

**Emily Summers**  
*designer*

Recently, for a spa, we used a Glant fabric that was made of a rubberized nylon. It's actually called Spa Cloth and is fabulous for an area where there is moisture. We installed it on a recessed track and added chrome grommets for a modern touch (Glant.com).

**Alessandra Branca**  
*designer*

If the windows themselves are not great (and everyone inherits strangely shaped windows

**[Editors'Choice]**

Here are some new ways to create energy efficiency, privacy and beauty.



Delia Shades



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From left: Florentine White on Black shades provide instant architecture (from \$15/sq. ft.; 646/344-1652, DeliaShades.com). Just add water to apply Emma Jeffs's adhesive film in White Orba (\$76/roll; 2Jane.com). Windows become energy-efficient with Duette Architella honeycomb shades (approx. \$413/window; HunterDouglas.com).