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# Hotlist

Lucy Upward highlights eleven stunning rug and textile designs created by a selection of talented international female designers



# Margaux de Penfentenyo

French, Zurich-based artist and designer Margaux de Penfentenyo paints stories onto objects, using vibrant colours. At SaloneSatellite, the young designer showed furniture and a wool-and-silk rug made with the Manufacture de tapis de Bourgogne in France. www.mdepenfentenyo.com



# Studio Zero x Mohebban

Studio Zero was founded in 2015 by Anna Seminara and Maria Francesca Cicirelli. For Salone del Mobile the duo designed a rug collection and the stand for brand Mohebban. The stunning Oceano rug is hand-tufted in 100% wool. www.designstudiozero.com





## Clara Bona x Alberto Levi

During Milan Design Week, Alberto Levi's gallery in the 5vie district had a display of rugs by interior designer Clara Bona. 'The right carpet in fact characterises the style of the environment in a decisive way,' explains Bona, whose designs utilise simple shapes and warm colours. www.albertolevi.com





# **Cindy Lilen**

The Cindy Lilen Studio is a textile design and production workshop inspired by ancestral textile communities around the world, mainly from South America. A native of Patagonia, Lilen works in London, where her recent pieces have been textile lighting made of Patagonian wool.

www.cindylilen.com

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## Tai ping x Elena **Salmistraro**

Anulare I is one of six hand-tufted designs from designer Elena Salmistraro's new Legami collection for Tai Ping. Taking inspiration from the human hand, each rug has a stylised design that is dedicated to a different finger, with the final design concerning the whole hand. The rectagular Anulare I is all about the ring finger! taipingcarpets.com





### Elsa Pochat x Pinton

This 100% wool hand-tufted rug Senshi by designer Elsa Pochat for Pinton was a highlight in the Brera district during Milan Design Week. 'Senshi' means warrior in Japanese, and the rug represents an abandoned kimono inhabited by the ghost of its owner.

www.pinton1867.com



# **OLK Manufactory**

Ukrainian artist Oksana Levchenya has an undeniable talent for making rug and kilim designs that beautifully unite tradition with contemporary aesthetics. Based in Kyiv, her striking handmade work continues through very challenging times. olk-manufactory.com



# Pavitra Rajaram x **Jaipur Rugs**

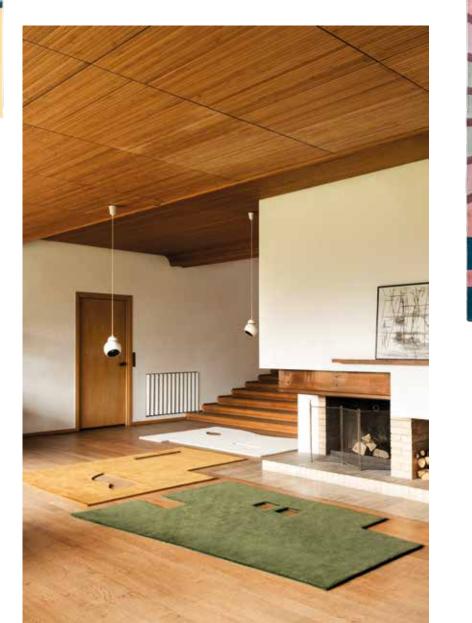
From designer Pavitra Rajaram's collection for Jaipur Rugs, Sipahi depicts a sepoy in his uniform as a nod to India's experience of colonialism post 1857. It follows the tradition of carpet weavers telling the story of their country, as you see in Afghan war rugs. Here the motifs mimic the playful folk style of the Afghan examples. www.jaipurrugs.com





# Yu Li Min x By Kamy

Chinese designer Yu Li Min's talents are demonstrated through a series of flatweaves for Brazilian brand By Kamy, including the pictured Bossa Mix. The balance of colour and shape in the design recalls the aesthetic of the Brazilian modernist era. By Kamy showed the rug at Salone del Mobile in April. www.bykamy.com.br





### **Garance Vallée x Nordic Knots**

French multidisciplinary artist Garance Vallée has created a rug collection for Nordic Knots. Hand-loomed in New Zealand wool, the collection Grand presents a sculptural trio of rugs that can be used as independent pieces or in combination. The three rugs are composed of cut pile and cut-outs, to create intriguingly shaped rugs that can fit together like a puzzle. www.nordicknots.com

