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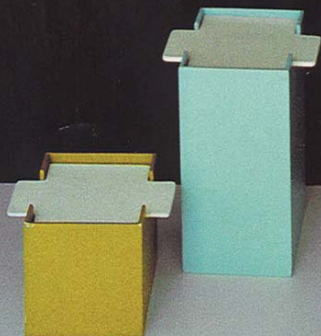
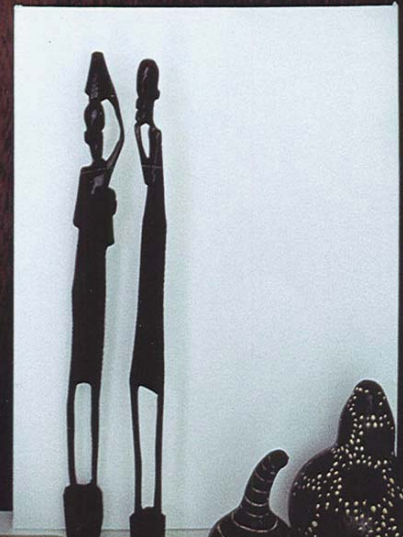
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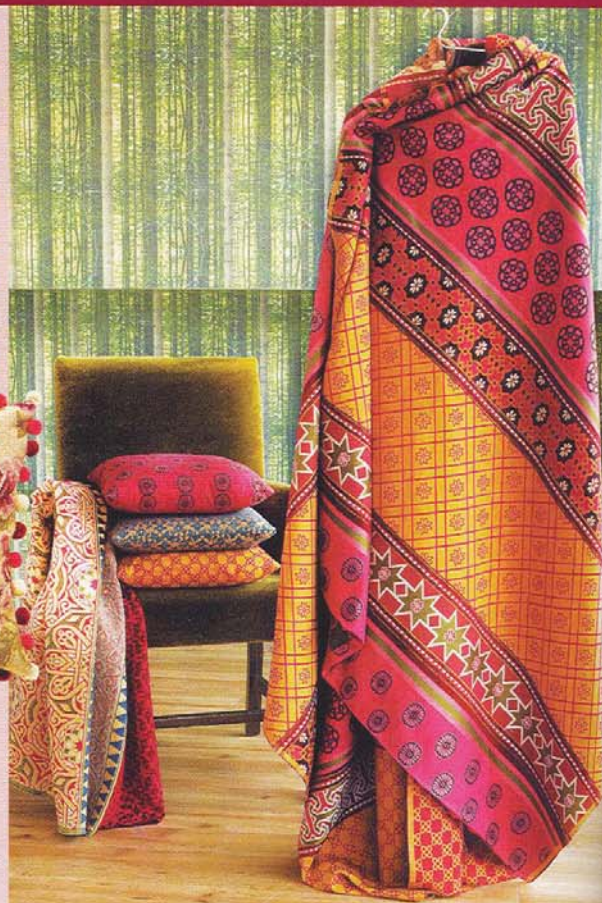
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NEW-WAVE TAPESTRY

Handmade and homely, this classic craft is making a comeback – with some quirky twists.

With our love for all things handcrafted still going strong, the latest quirky revival is tapestry. Picking up where the current knitting trend leaves off, tapestry provides another way of achieving that coveted homespun look – and it's easy to create, too. DIY kits, like those on sale at Liberty, are all you need to make cushions, rugs and throws – and they come in bright, updated patterns and colourways. If you don't have time to tune into the therapeutic effects of making your own tapestry, then there are lots of fabulous ready-made offerings in the shops. Classic imagery, like *Aesop's Fables*-style nature scenes, pug dogs, poodles and 'Home Sweet Home' signs, have been given a modern twist to look just a little bit kitsch. Take the Rug Company's needlepoint hangings sporting vintage cars, and its tapestry Union Jack cushions customised with badges; or French designer Frédérique Morrel's tapestry poufs decorated with homey but hip deer, dogs, flowers and nudes. So ironic. Tapestry-motif furniture is making an appearance, too, twinned with wood or Plexiglas, while designers like Dutchman Laurens van Wieringen are finding new materials to express tapestry's once-trad look (his needlepoint-style landscape 'rugs' are actually woven in foam) – or for a more arty take, check out British textiles talent Shelly Goldsmith's installation-style tapestry pieces. So cast aside your knitting needles and get weaving!

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ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: tapestry-style 'Granada' fabric from the 'Oriental' collection by Alidad (also pictured top right, on armrest, with 'Alhambra' fabric, on hangar), from £78 plus VAT per sq m, Pierre Frey. Needlepoint 'Union Jack' cushion with badges by Lucinda Chambers (52 L x 40cm W), £195, The Rug Company. Needlepoint 'Black Boxing Hares' cushion kit by Fine Cell Work for Sew Exciting (45cm sq), £42.51 for a set comprising colour-printed canvas, Appleton's tapestry wool, needle and instructions, Liberty. **RIGHT, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:** plywood 'Grandma's Pride' stool with embroidery print by Christine Hegnhøj, £104, Grandma's Stuff. Tapestry 'Du Coeur à l'Ouvrage' poufs by Frédérique Morrel, from £275 each, Mint. Plexiglas and tapestry fabric 'Floating Stool' by Nada Debs, from £400, Mint. Custom-made soft-coated polyurethane foam rug, £5,849, Laurens van Wieringen.

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