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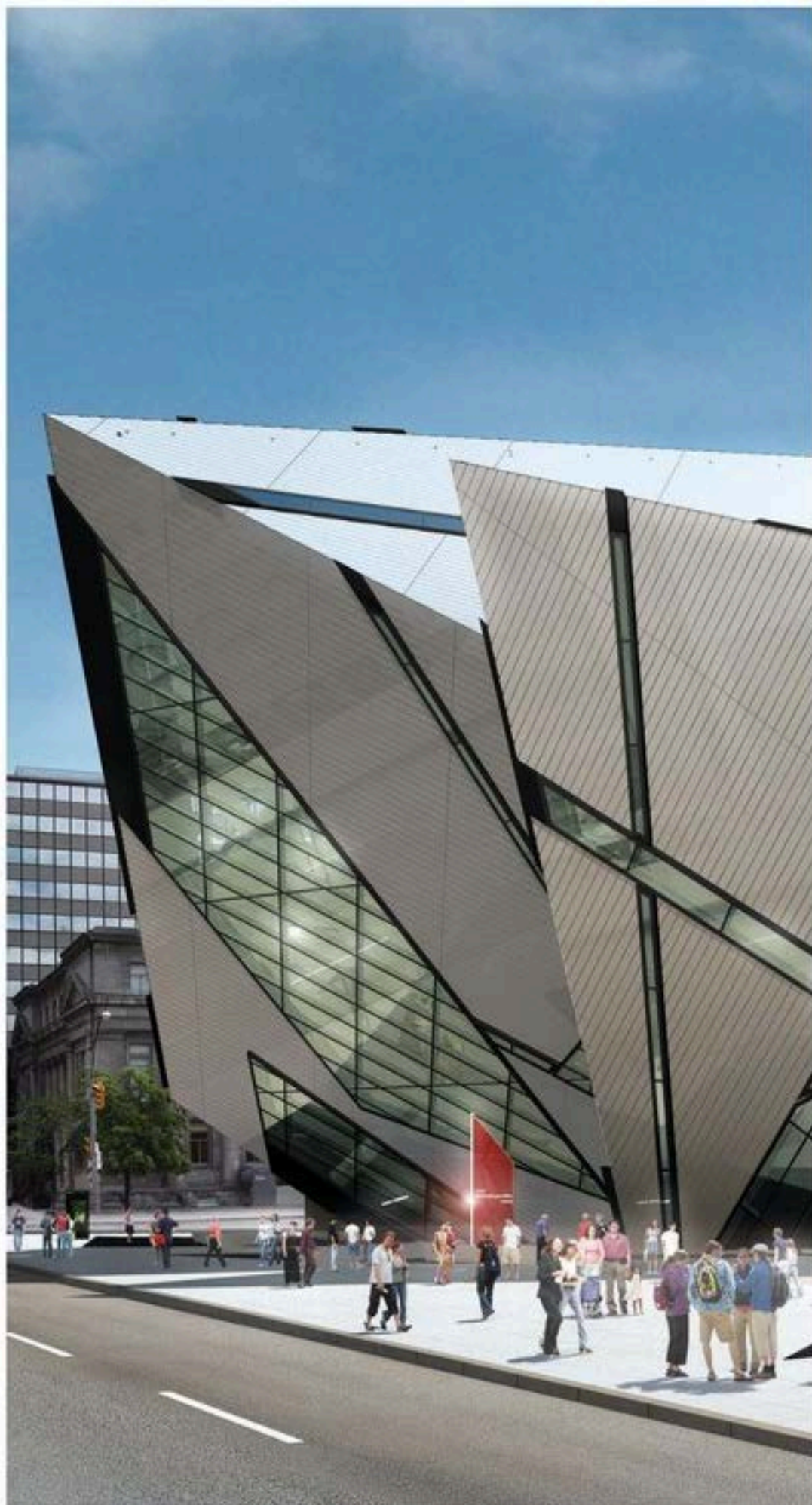
i+s highlights some of the noteworthy product launches that will be on display on the Mart floor next month. *Compiled by Jennie Morton*



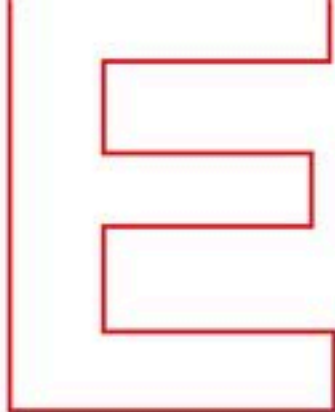
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Celebrating 50 years of leading the charge in innovative furniture design, i+s tells the story behind the legacy of Nienkämper. *By Kadie Yale*



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Every year the industry looks forward to the trade show that is truly the Super Bowl of design: NeoCon. For 2018

NeoCon holds even more importance as it is the 50th anniversary of the premiere industry event. As always, i+s has compiled a preview of products that will be on display in the Merchandise Mart next month. Flip through the following pages to find the hottest in today's innovations and trends across all product categories.



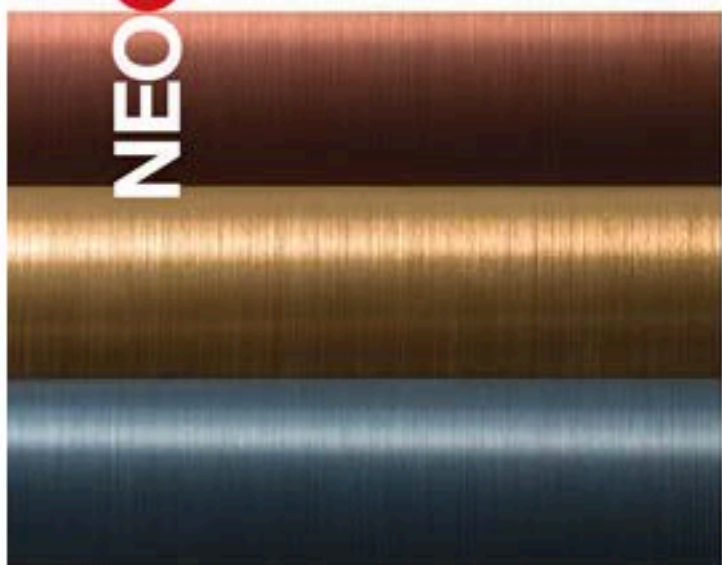
**1.** With its graphic geometrics, deep texture, and layers of metallic accents, **Outlier** from **Bentley** challenges traditional design conventions. Outlier plays perfectly with interiors' increasingly blended home/play/work spaces. Its geometric design gives the illusion of having grown over the highly textured, organic background. Inflections of silvers, bronzes, and golds sync with commercial finishes. [bentleymills.com](http://bentleymills.com)

**2. KI** introduces the **Ruckus** height-adjustable mobile lectern. From makerspaces and tiered classrooms to labs, interactive pods, and training rooms, Ruckus gives students and educators the freedom to concentrate, collaborate, and innovate on their terms. Ruckus easily adjusts for all sit-stand heights between 29 and 43.75 inches. [ki.com](http://ki.com)

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3. Ecophon Auskto One SQ Wall from **CertainTeed Ceilings** is a frameless wall panel ideal for acoustical remediation. Whether paired with ceiling panels or installed alone, it reduces echoes and improves speech clarity in a variety of spaces. Designers can combine different formats and colors to create expressive patterns.

[certainteed.com](http://certainteed.com)



4. **Chemetal's** Classic Metals 900 series combines the durability, affordability, and beauty of solid anodized aluminum in brass, bronze, copper, stainless, and aluminum looks. One advantage of using aluminum to mimic other metals is it is a relatively inexpensive material. It is also easy to cut, bend, and fabricate. Color variation is minimal so designers can achieve a consistent look across all sheets.

[chemetal.com](http://chemetal.com)

5. BOX receptacles from **Peter Pepper Products** are styled after corrugated boxes for a variety of individual and grouped waste and recycling needs. Ideal for a lighter-scale collection, the receptacles are fabricated in durable powder-coated steel. Available in 25-, 17-, and 8-gallon capacities, BOX includes integrated plastic bag retainers and optional graphics in gray, yellow, and blue.

[peterpepper.com](http://peterpepper.com)



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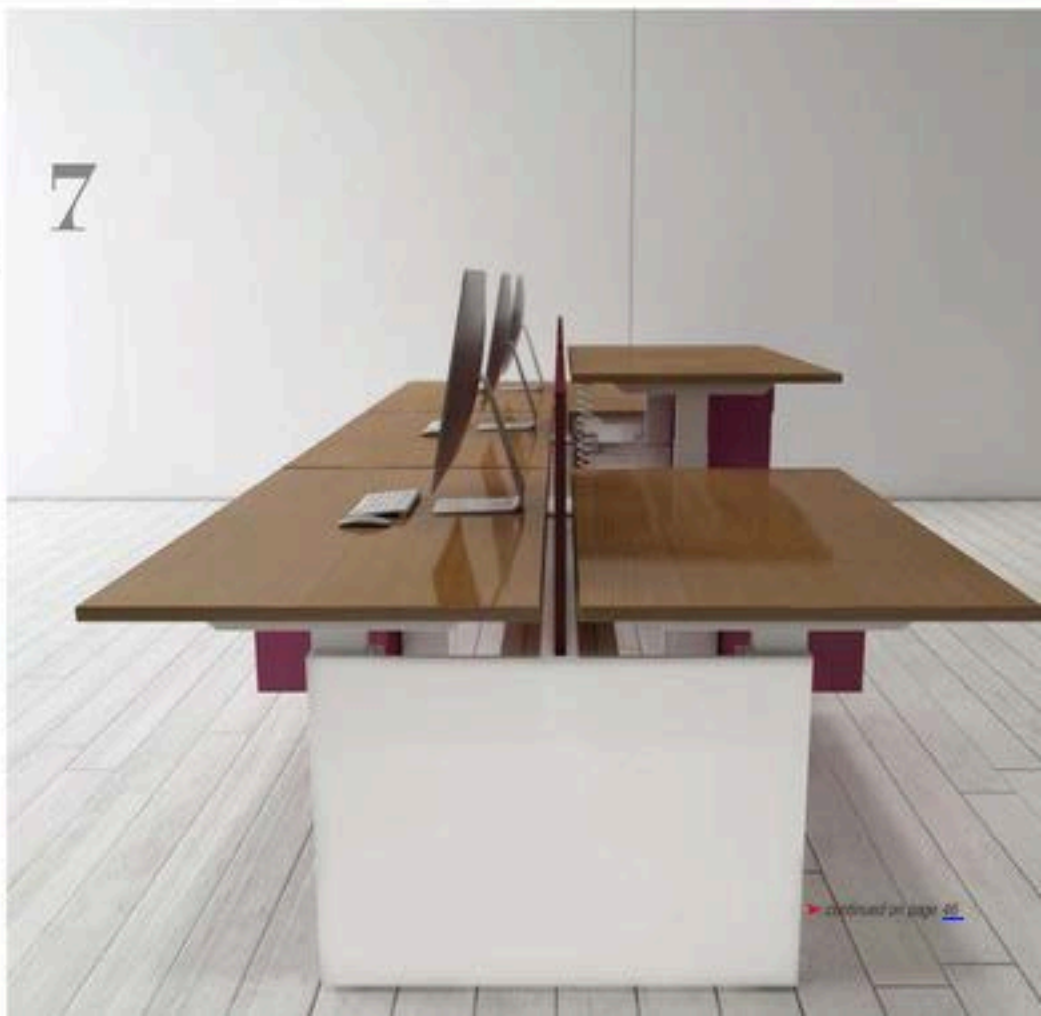
2018 collection of luxury hardware includes the re-introduction of Vale, a 60-year-old design that honors the company's 125th anniversary. First appearing in the 1953 Modern Hardware catalog, Vale's exaggerated concave shape with its gentle slope gives a nod to mid-mod style while offering a timeless elegance relevant to today's decor.

[belwithkeeler.com](http://belwithkeeler.com)

7. The latest variation on sit-stand desk design, REX benching from **Innovant** is ideal for office environments requiring a clean, smart aesthetic with unmatched cabling and technology management. REX 120-degree benching is perfect for users seeking to blend open-plan collaboration with personal space privacy. Power and data hubs between positions conceal primary connectivity and seamless raceways invisibly direct cabling throughout the cluster.

[innovant.com](http://innovant.com)

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**8. Merino** by **D.L.Couch** is a refined wool wallcovering made with natural fibers. The organic slubs and irregularities in texture and color add visual and tactile intrigue. It contains 7.1-percent post-consumer recycled content by weight in the polyester backing as well as FSC-certified wood in the wood pulp backing. Merino also includes a stain-repellent finish.

[dlcouch.com](http://dlcouch.com)

**9. Treefrog Veneer** introduces Treefrog Open: pre-finished real wood veneer laminates that are open to all design possibilities. Eminently specifiable, aesthetically appealing, and wonderfully consistent, Treefrog Open includes nine trending neutrals in white oak and grey oak, as well as several shades of walnut. Many of the new laminates feature a groove texture that provides a deeper, more authentic wood feel.

[treefrogveneer.com](http://treefrogveneer.com)

**10. Corda** by **Sandler Seating** is available as a stacking chair or stool. The steel frame is paired with a handwoven seat and back. Seat finish options come in six colors: black, black/white, light grey, bronze, bordeaux, and blue. Corda is suitable for indoor or outdoor use.

[sandlerseating.com](http://sandlerseating.com)



**11. Nuuk by Arper** is the archetypal table: a single, spare plane that floats above four slender legs. The result is aesthetically pure but flexible. A universal system based on the simple principle of four corner legs, four rails, and a top, Nuuk adapts to diverse environments. Table tops are available in square or rectangular formats in either colored laminate or wood veneer.

[arper.com](http://arper.com)

**12. Wood-Mode Custom Cabinetry** is so much more than a product—it's an experience. The portfolio includes doors, storage, cabinets, and wardrobes. These offerings add the authentic touch and look of wood in offices, kitchens, and closets. Pieces draw from design styles such as American Classics, European Inspirations, and Contemporary Expressions.

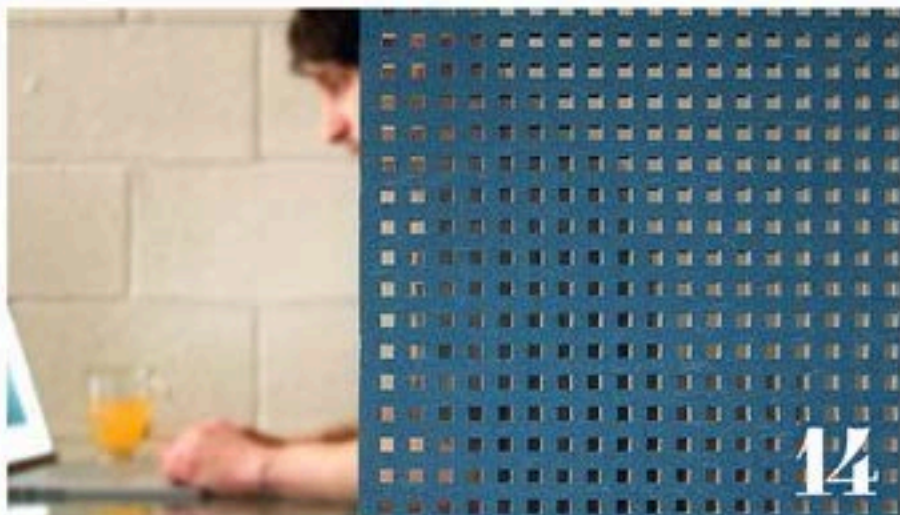
[wood-mode.com](http://wood-mode.com)

**13. Co-op Single by Arcadia** serves as the perfect counterbalance to busy collaborative meeting areas, crowded shared spaces, and bustling open environments. Whether it's the public seating model that maintains visibility and clear sight lines or an individual unit that offers greater privacy and improved acoustical properties, Co-op Single lets users decide how and where they want to work. An optional canopy version provides additional seclusion.

[arcadiacontract.com](http://arcadiacontract.com)



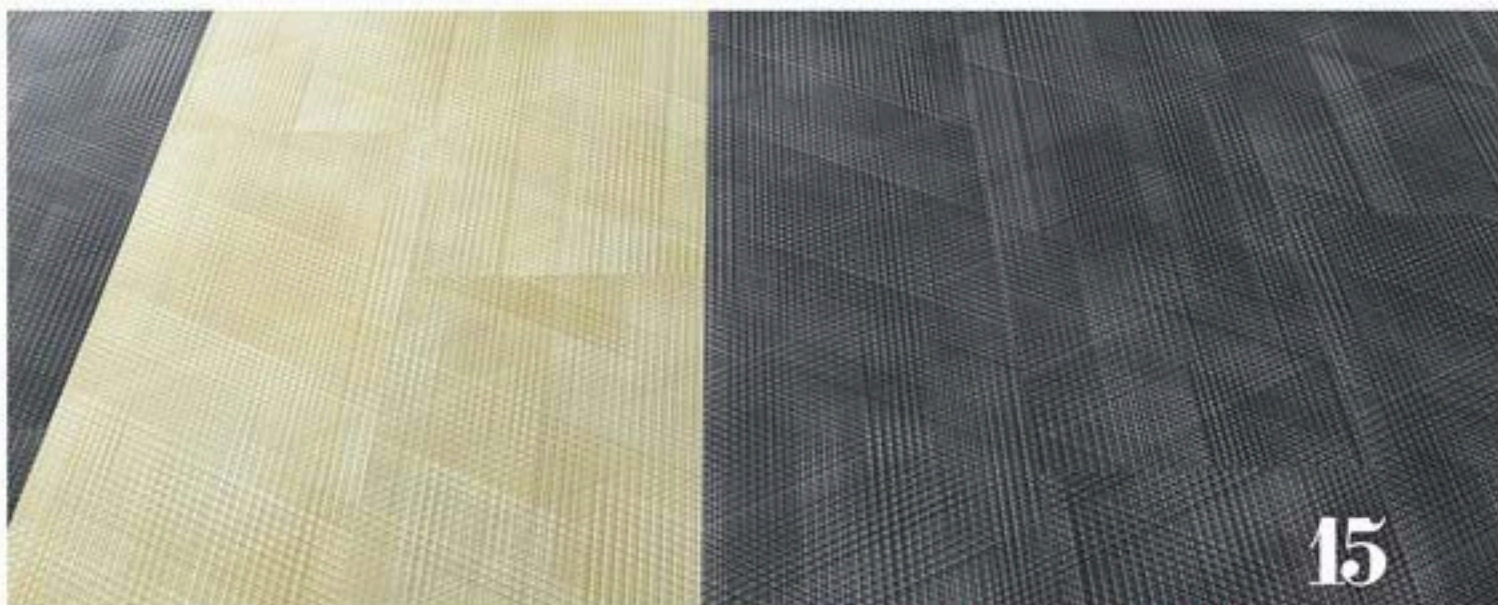
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**14. Sensitle's** PIXA screen combines opposites — stone-like opacity and selective transparency — into an elegant and sleek material. The integral light filtering channels of this terrazzo panel appear as “windows” on the surface creating a stunning pixelation of light. These transparent elements can be specified in a variety of sizes, shapes, and patterns, enabling variations in the transmission of visual input.

[sensitle.com](http://sensitle.com)

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**15. Drawn Lines** from **Interface** is a luxury vinyl tile that layers filament-fine marks in varying weights and rhythms to create a prismatic geometry in an array of scales. The collection is offered in 10 colors: a palette of neutrals and several accents sorted from warm to cool with a thread of metallic adding shimmer and depth.

[interface.com](http://interface.com)

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**16. glassPOST** is a new product from **CARVART** that forms small to long runs of privacy barriers throughout a space. The solution can divide departments, corral teams, section off managers, or simply offer a break in floor-wide sightlines. Because the installation methods are faster and simpler than conventional modular walls, re-deploying happens with minimal disruption.

[carvart.com](http://carvart.com)



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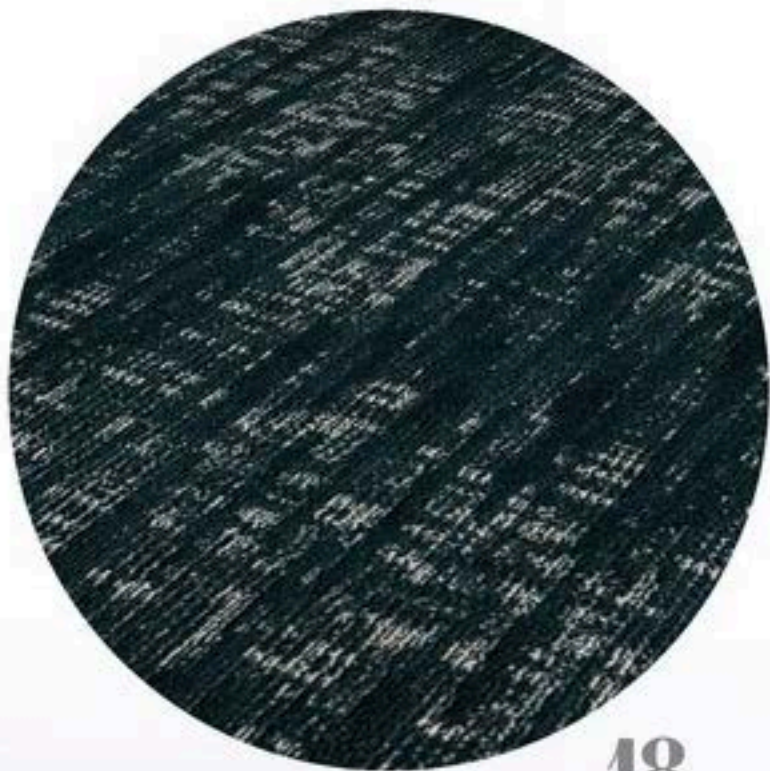


17. A study in contrasts, **Innovations'** summer collection takes cues from contrasting colors. Palmetto, for example, digitizes a traditional block print design on a technical fabric. The polyester and cellulose textile wallcovering offers abrasion resistance in a summery palm motif with combinations like pink-green and blue-orange.

[innovationsusa.com](http://innovationsusa.com)

18. **Atlas** announces the Shimmer Ikat Collection which includes three carpet tile patterns and four broadloom options. The cut-and-loop patterning combines high- and low-luster yarns to create textural interest and lavish appeal. Inspired by ikat, the collection has a striated, natural look and a color palette of 16 appealing hues.

[atlas地毯mills.com](http://atlas地毯mills.com)



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19. The Gallery Bench from **Thos. Moser Contract** offers a playful break from tradition. The asymmetrical back and arm presents a modern approach to ADA seating and provides a visual anchor for the space it occupies. The detachable, tufted leather cushion adds comfort and sophistication. The bench is crafted out of solid American hardwood and traditional methods of exposed joinery.

[mosercontract.com](http://mosercontract.com)



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**20.** Arconas' Morelli bench provides a comfortable waiting experience and raises the value of outdoor public spaces. Recognizing the need for urban furniture that is elegant, functional, and durable, this sophisticated bench features solid aluminum cast legs and supports either perforated steel planks or ipe wood slats. These perforations are visually appealing and a purposeful design choice that reduces the heat of the seat.

[arconas.com](http://arconas.com)

**21.** Heirloom from Mannington Commercial was inspired by a Czechoslovakian wedding dress worn by the designer's great-grandmother. Elements from the garment are referenced in the design and appearance such as brightly colored embroidery, pleating, and hand-sewn details. Designers can create a customized flooring pattern by mixing and matching the collection's modular tiles.

[manningtoncommercial.com](http://manningtoncommercial.com)

**22.** Manta is a modular partition wall developed for workspaces and common areas. Available from Koleksiyon, the design is composed of fin-shaped rectangular plates that rotate easily on an axis, creating different effects in semi-open or fully closed configurations. The screen can adapt to the needs of any situation at hand, whether for privacy or collaboration. ■

[koleksiyon.us](http://koleksiyon.us)