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COLOR SMALL ROOMS



"If it's already small and dark, make it darker! Then it feels deliberately intimate. This TV room is done in the deepest, darkest chocolate—85 percent cacao. And then I accented it with a gold starburst mirror, Hermès orange, rusty red, and lots of white. The contrast is sexy and draws you in. It feels like the room where the cool kids would hang out."

ERINN VALENCICH
VALSPAR
LABRADOR 3009-9

Conventional wisdom says, "Paint it white." But who wants to be conventional?

Interviews by
CHRISTINE PITTEL

"A traditional house needed to be more young, like its occupants, so we loosened up the paneled walls in the study with a teal blue. When you're working, you want to be energized, not drained, and color is stimulating. Several coats of gloss gave it a lacquered look."

W. TYSON BURKS
BENJAMIN MOORE
DARK TEAL 2053-20



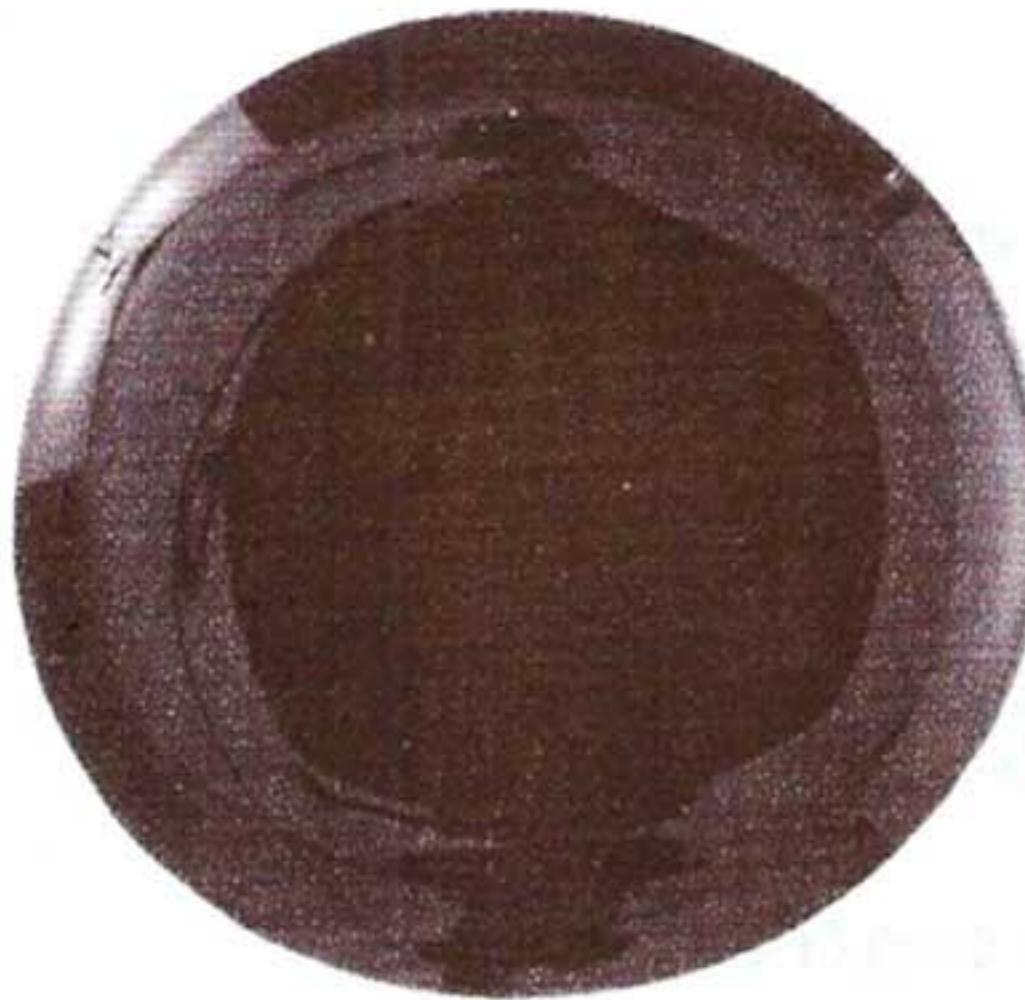
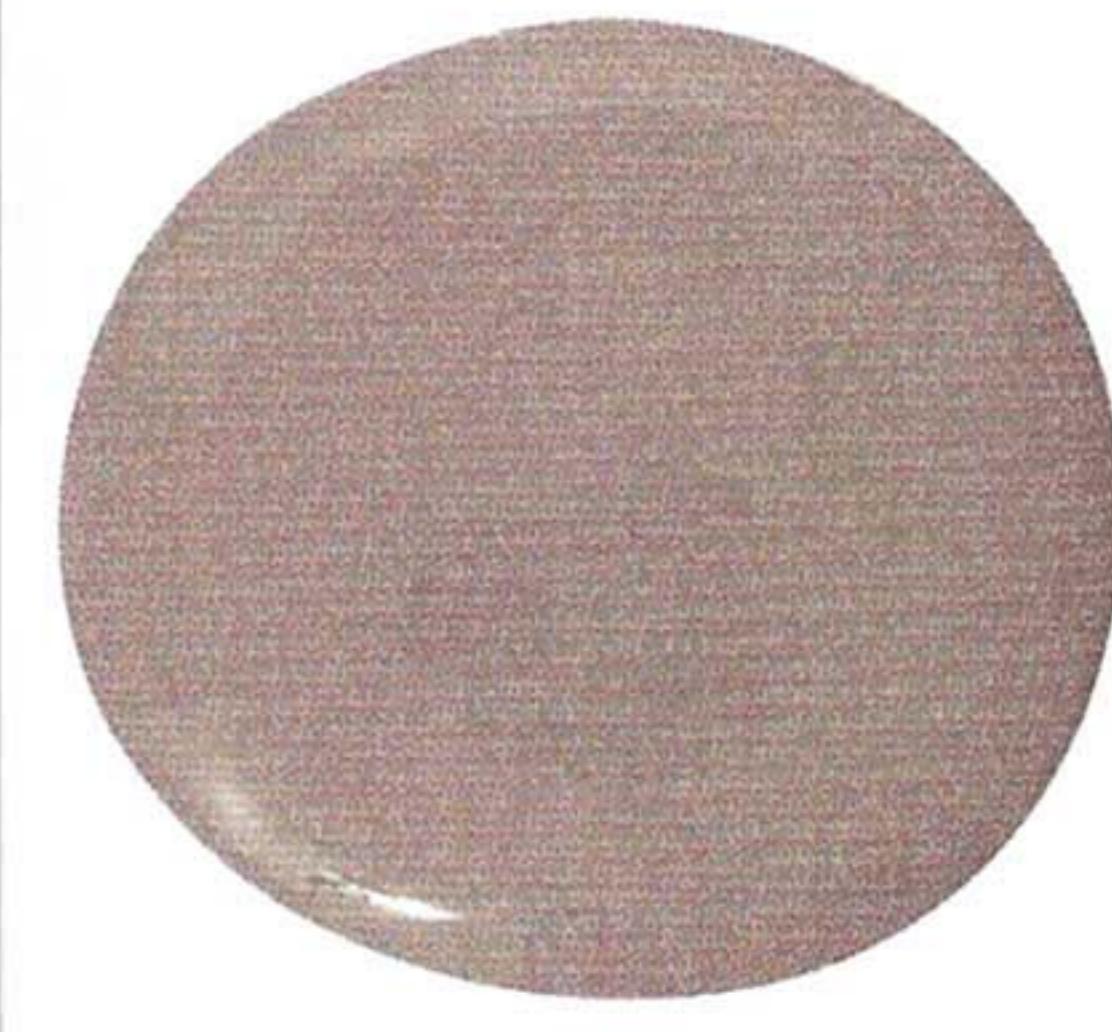
"I like a darker color because it creates shadows in the corners. This smoky green would give a small room an air of mystery. It's changeable, looking different in different lights. I see it with warm blues and pinks and crimson. Actually, almost any color will go with green."

THOMAS JAYNE
FARROW & BALL
LICHEN 19



"This is not your basic, mousy gray. It has tones of brown and olive that make it more interesting. Paint the walls and trim in a matte finish for an old-world look. Or do it in high gloss for a more contemporary elegance. Either way, it looks great with antiques and art and metallic accents."

LINDSEY BOND
PRATT & LAMBERT
DIPLOMAT GRAY 33-21

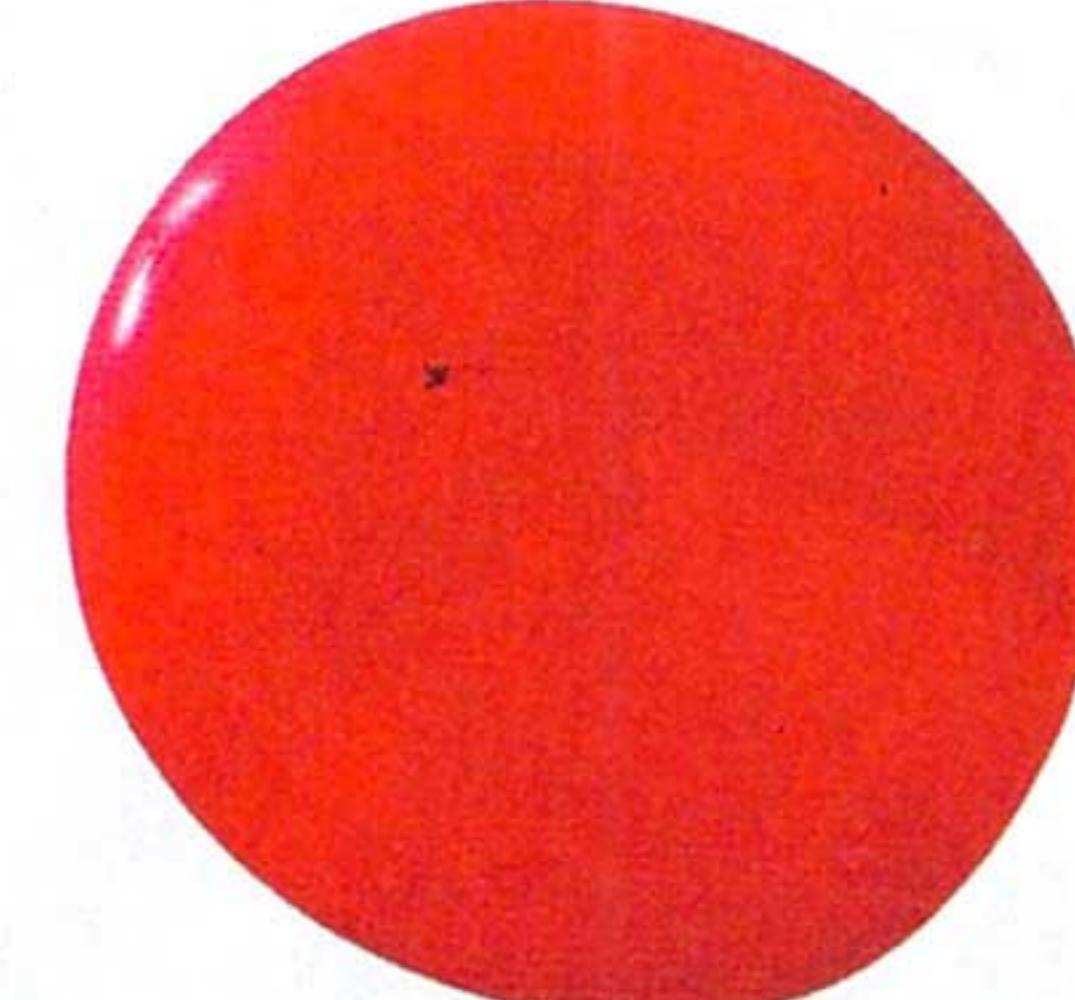


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NICK OLSEN
FINE PAINTS OF EUROPE
TULIP RED 1001

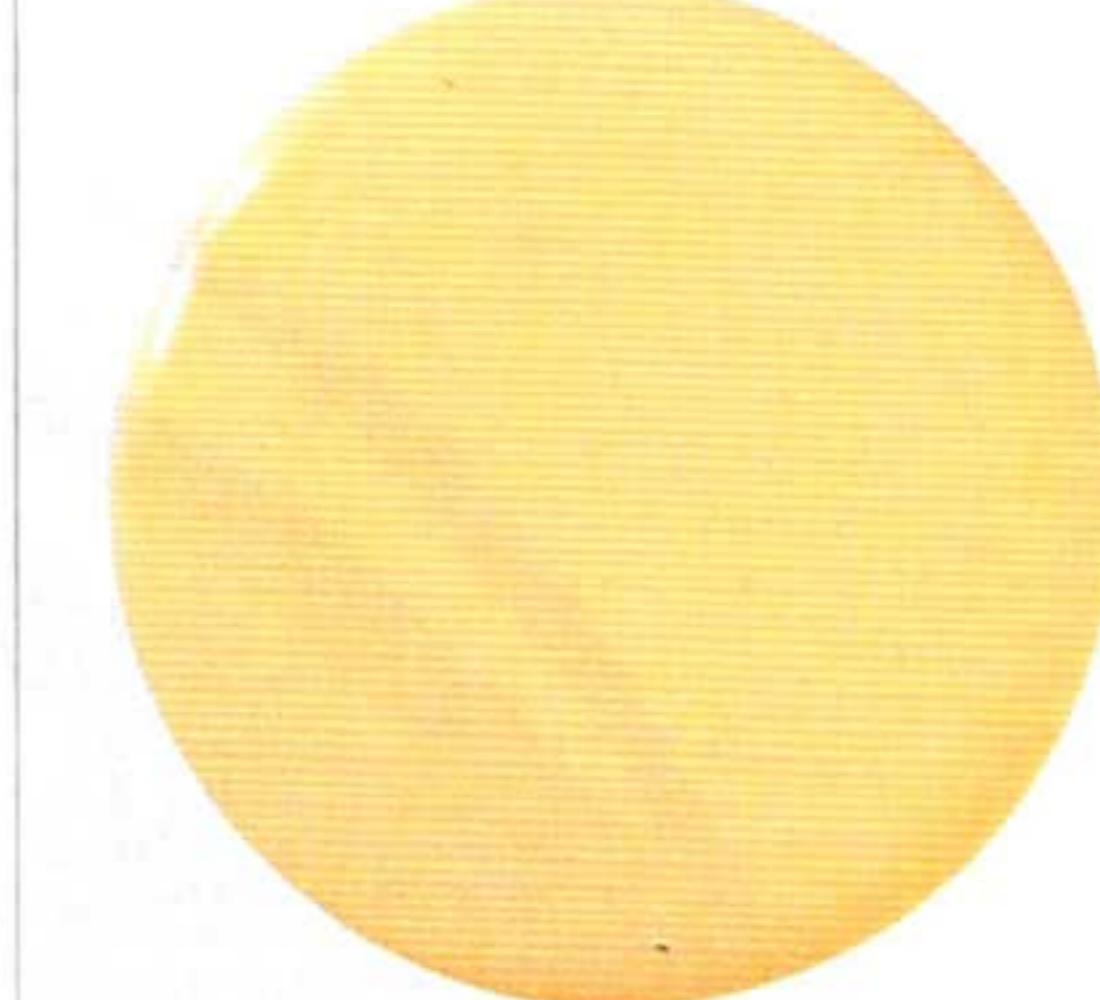
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NANCY BOSZHARDT
C2 PAINT
CORNBREAD C2-138

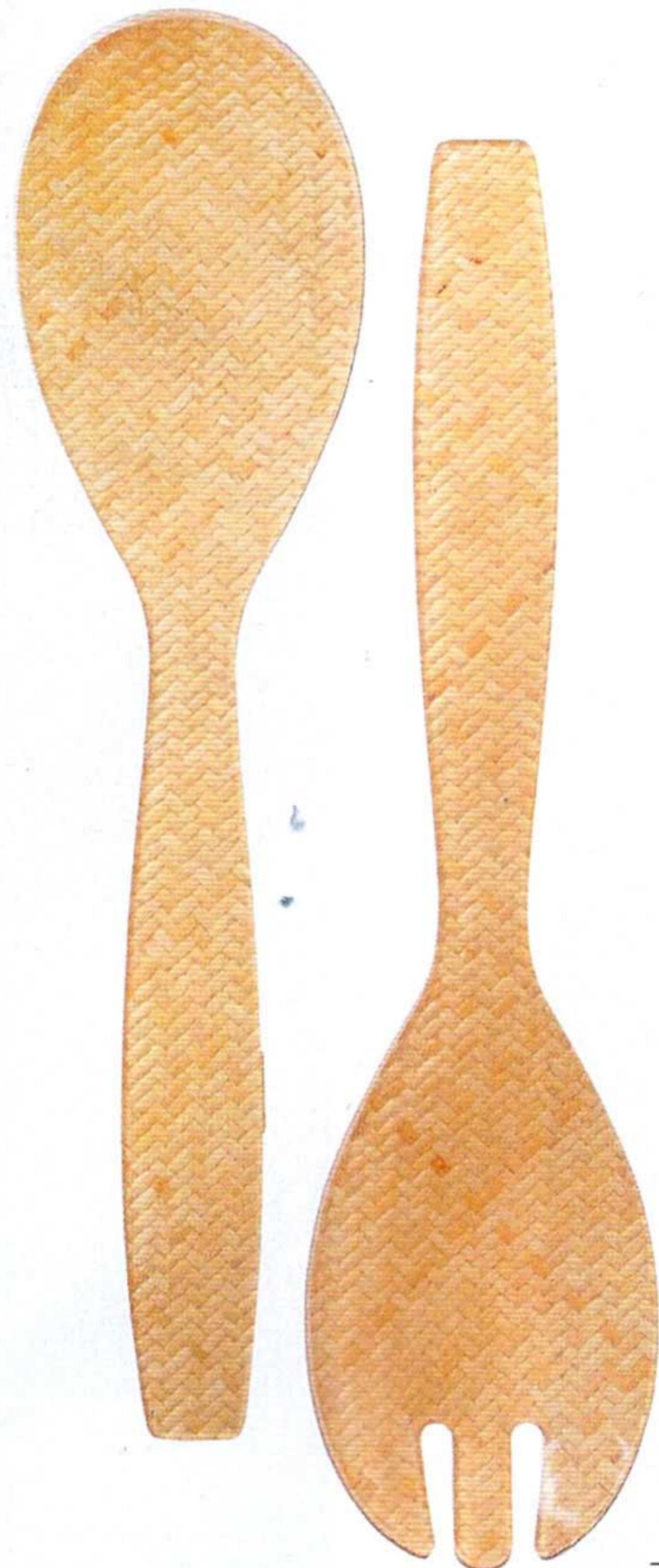


"A white box is boring. In a small space, the color of the walls becomes even more important because you can't fit in a lot of furniture. I had a yellow bedroom when I was a child, and every morning I woke up happy. Yellow can be hard to get right, but this feels warm and inviting, like a buttered corn muffin."

MELISSA VALADARES



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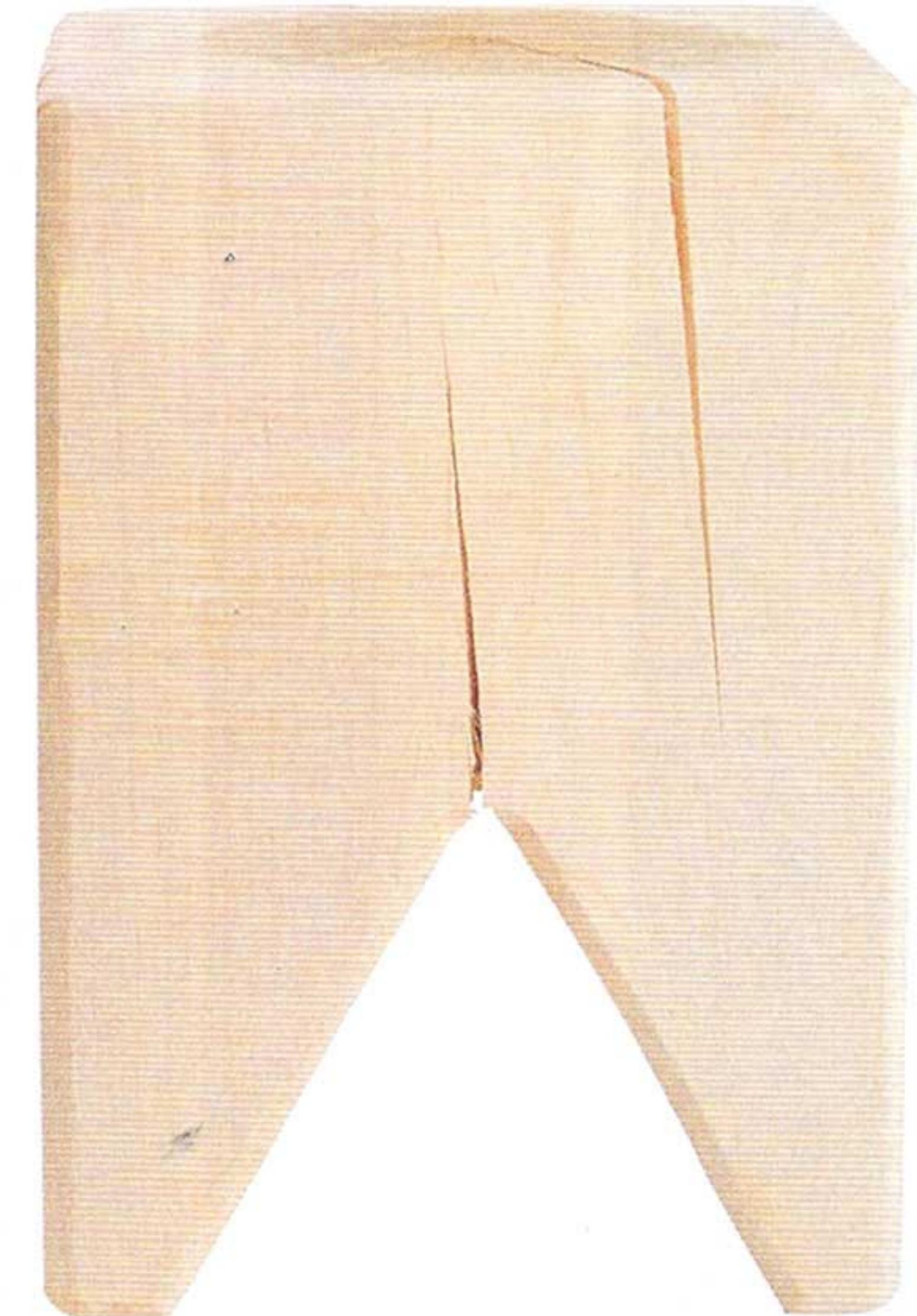


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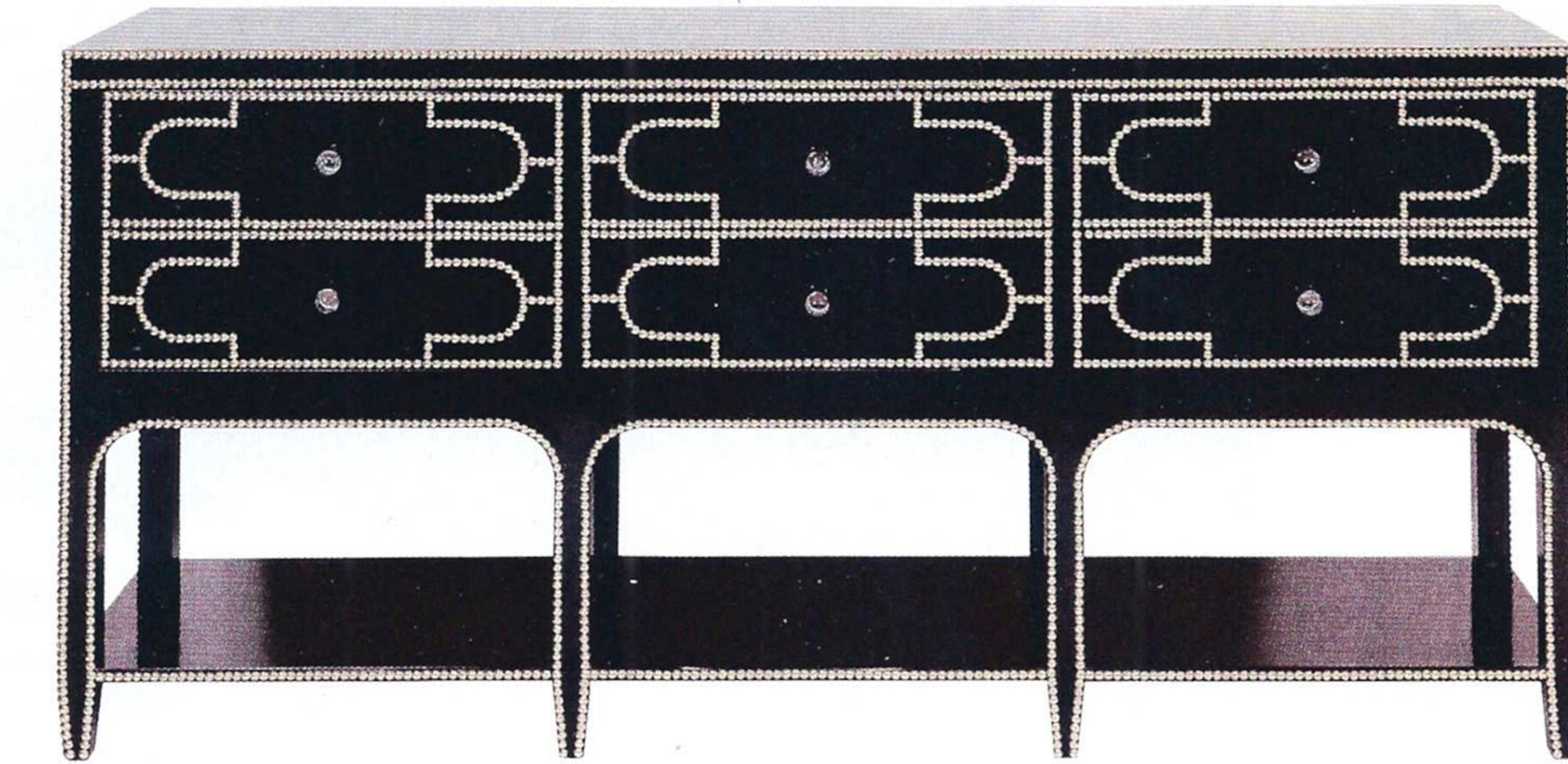


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7. Salad Servers

With their simple shapes and woven pattern, they mix well with any tableware. Savannah Straw Salad Set, \$104. gracioushome.com.

8. Baskets

Poolside or in the bath, these colorful recycled plastic baskets are a great way to keep towels off the floor. Set of three, \$148. fabhabit.com.

9. Knobs

Wake up furniture or cabinets with bold knobs. Lucite Ball Knobs, in six sizes from 1"-4" DIA, \$23-\$250 each. theparisapartment.com.

10. Lampshade

The ikat pattern and ball fringe make this one dressy shade. Ikat Dot Shade in Navy, 9" H x 11" DIA, \$49. pbteen.com.

11. Stool

A tiny punctuation point for any room—it's the little piece that can. Stump, 8½" square x 12" H, \$85. kalonstudios.com.

12. Buffet

In the tradition of Hollywood Regency, designer Erinn Valencich nailed it. Harpaz Studded Buffet, 76" W x 20" D x 36" H, \$6,500. erinnvmaison.com. >>