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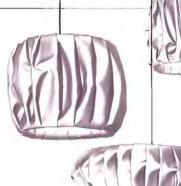
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The Red Bull office, photographed by Ewout Huibers. Sid Lee Architecture's on-staff artists rendered the graphics that cover the walls and floors of the energy drink company's new headquarters in Holland.

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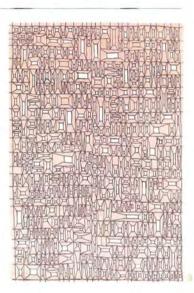
Area rugs in surprising shapes, surface patterns and materials lend bare floors an artistic flair

BY DIANE CHAR













### 1 Pompon

### by Nodus

Made in India, Matali Crasset's fiery red wool rug, which measures two metres in diameter, takes on the playful shape of a flattened pompom. nodusrug.it

### 2 Parquet

# by Stepevi

Rows of wool slats, in monochromatic palettes of red, blue, green or purple, as well as black or white, make up Ora-Ïto's rug for Stepevi. It comes in lengths up to 2.4 metres. stepevi.com

### 3 Canterbury Lane

### by the Rug Company

Yabu Pushelberg designed this series of wool and silk floor coverings inspired by locations in the U.K. therugcompany.info; avenue-road.com

### 4 Tibetan Collection

# by Weavers Art

This collection of abstract rugs in neutral tones uses pure Tibetan wool, silk or hemp, or combinations thereof. Landscape (shown) comes in five standard dimensions, up to 3.0 by 4.25 metres, as well as custom sizes. weaversart.com

### 5 Plis

# by Chevalier Édition

Noé Duchaufour-Lawrance's rug in hand-knotted wool and Corian is based on Middle Eastern and Asian cultures' use of carpets as seating. The folded backrest lends it a dual functionality. chevalier-edition.com

### 6 Practik

### by Nanimarquina

This waterproof and fluff-free (read: pet-safe) rug is manufactured from recycled polyester thread, making it suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. nanimarquina.com