



## flame stitch

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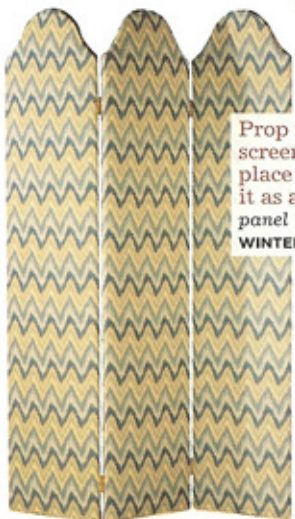
The proper, matchbox-size means of handing out your number. *Calling cards \$12/SET OF 10, DAUPHINEPRESS.COM*

Next to a bed, this hand-hooked rug is a wake-me-up. Wool 2' x 3' ABOUT \$68 DASHANDALBERT.COM FOR STORES

Halfway between trad and ethnic, this centuries-old motif has an energy that's right almost everywhere.



I'm going to fill this sugar bowl with cotton balls and put it on a bathroom shelf. *Missoni \$212 BLOOMINGDALES.COM FOR STORES*



Prop this Florentine-y screen behind a sofa in place of wall art, or use it as a partition. *Three-panel "Blast Surf" \$399.95 WINTERTHURHOME.COM*



Punch up an all-white bed with these graphic shams. *Christian Fischbacher standard sham \$126 and Euro sham \$131 STELLA (212) 233-9610*



Recently pulled from the '60s archives of a wallpaper stalwart, this brilliant metallic would be fabulous in a hallway. *Osborne & Little "Volte-Face" ABOUT \$160/ROLL, PACIFIC DESIGN SERVICES (310) 360-6418*



### a brief history of flame stitch



**1500s**  
King Charles IX's bedroom at Château de Talcy, where he allegedly plotted the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre.



**1700s**  
Flame mania hits America, where women craft purses and chair coverings, like this one from Houston's Bayou Bend Collection.



**1968**  
Missoni's recently debuted—now signature—zigzag knitwear appears on the cover of Italian magazine *Grazia*.



**1970**  
Feminist icon Gloria Steinem rocks the motif on the walls, windows and Bermuda bed in her New York workroom.

**2007**  
A gorgeous silk-knit look from Missoni's spring/summer ready-to-wear collection. **MISSONI.COM FOR STORES**

FLAME STITCH: Also known as Bargello, Irish or Hungarian stitch, this type of needlework produces a parallel zigzag or sawtooth effect.