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GEM

Brenda Houston's fascination with beautiful rocks was all but carved in stone. How could she not go gaga for gems and minerals when working with the likes of David Yurman and Bailey Banks and Biddle? Now, Houston has parlayed her passion into her first custom wallpaper collection. Arte al Muro features dramatic, large-scale images of agate, malachite and quartz from the designer's personal collection that transform walls into magnificent murals awash in ultrarealistic patterns and color. "This is the first time that wallcovering is available in the marketplace that truly reflects what actual stones look like," says Houston. "I find it incredible that something so beautiful can be found within a rock. It takes roughly 150 million years to form an agate, so what I feature in this collection is older than the last remaining dinosaur on Earth." Arte al Muro (\$18 to \$30 per square foot) is also kind to the Earth-it contains 31 percent recycled materials, is PVC-free and contributes to several LEED credits. blackcrowstudios.com; brendahoustondesigns.com –Carla Jordan

ALL TEXAS

Double Play

Leolux, the indie Dutch design house that fuses progressive modern silhouettes with functionality, has debuted in Texas with dedicated Leolux galleries at Cantoni. The playful line features 12 distinctive pieces in a range of cheerful colors, fun fabrics and leathers, as well as custom orders. The Portello occasional table, pictured, delivers an organic spin on a slender tree branch with two graceful leaves. \$589, Cantoni, 4800 Alpha Road, Dallas, 972.934.9191; 9889

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