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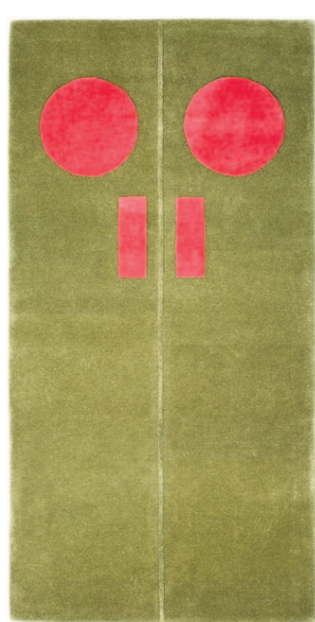
NEWS, PRODUCTS AND PERSONALITIES



## Rugs Stand Clear Of the Fuzzy Doors

▶ Christopher Farr, the British carpet designer, met Gary Hume in the mid-90s. Mr. Hume, known for painting minimalist pictures in bright colors, wanted a rug made in the mirror image of one of his artworks for the São Paulo Art Biennial. The men have collaborated several times since, most recently on rugs based on Mr. Hume's celebrated Hospital Doors paintings.

"The doors were amazing on the wall," Mr. Farr said. "I thought, 'We've got to make them available for people to have fun with.'" Earlier this year, he introduced one-of-a-kind Hospital



Doors rugs that were 7 by 10 feet and \$23,500. Now he is selling smaller versions in larger editions. The hand-tufted rugs, 3 by 6 feet, come in five color combinations in editions of 55 each; \$1,495. Information: 310-967-0064 or rugeditions.com. RIMA SUQI



## Events Where Elton Sang And Rode

▶ When Jim Guercio, a music producer, bought Caribou Ranch, top, outside Boulder, Colo., in the early 1970s, he envisioned it as a place for artists to record without distractions. The 4,000-acre property ultimately became a retreat for rock stars, who stayed in the old guest cabins, ate dinner with their band mates in the mess hall and went on outdoor adventures when not making hits



in the hayloft-turned-studio. "Elton and those guys were huge on the snowmobiles and horses," said Mr. Guercio, referring to Elton John, who recorded his 1974 album "Caribou" there.

Earlier this year Mr. Guercio sold the ranch, and its contents will be auctioned off on Jan. 24. There are more than 400 lots and they all have rock provenance, from the Chesterfield sofa above right

(estimate \$1,000 to \$2,000) and Gibson Firebird guitar above left (\$800 to \$1,200), to a Honda three-wheeler (\$1,000 to \$2,000) that Michael Jackson rode.

Mr. Guercio said he recently heard from the ranch's new owners, who had a question about the avocado-colored appliances. "They called and said, 'Did John Lennon cook on that stove?'" he said. "Possibly. Nothing changed in the cabins. It was just like a museum." Information: 303-825-1855 orlesliehindman.com. STEVEN KURUTZ

## Tiles If It Flutters or Buzzes, Surely It's Art

▶ Paul Simmons, who heads the Scottish design studio Timorous Beasties with Alistair McAuley, describes their mission as making the ugly beautiful. Since 1990, the men have worked iguanas, devil heads and hairy thistles into their products.

"Our job is to turn people around," Mr. Simmons said, referring to their latest tile collection, which is all about insects. This is hardly a new interest for a man who once interned at the

Natural History Museum in London and who has contributed many decorative bug patterns to the world. The group of eight tiles for Clé in San Francisco includes moths, butterflies and bees hand-lithographed on 12-inch squares of limestone (\$60 each) or Thassos marble (\$75). Shown, clockwise from top left, are Butterfly Blotch, Wild Honeybee Stripe, Eurobee Orange and White Moth Circle. Information: 415-887-9011 or clétile.com. ARLENE HIRST

## Deals Kitchen and Dining Items, Rugs and Books

▶ All products are 20 percent off at **Good Thing** through Saturday (the Sticker clock by Jamie Wolfond, below, originally \$18, is about \$14); goodthingny.com.

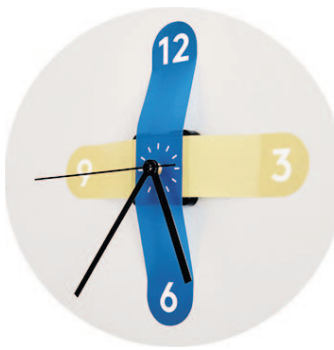
**FinnStyle** is discounting Marimekko kitchen and dining products by 20 percent through Monday (an Ananaskirsikka red tablecloth by Erja Hirvi, regular-

ly \$198, is about \$158); 866-617-6176, finnstyle.com.

**Ralo** is discounting this season's rugs by 30 percent, clearance rugs by up to 70 percent and some rug pillows by 50 percent through Dec. 23 (a 5-by-8-foot red Lhasa rug by Tsering Lhungay, usually \$5,280, is \$2,640); 29 Howard Street (Crosby Street), 212-966-7661, ralocarpet.com.

**Designers & Books** is discounting books on architecture, art, photography and graphic, interior and product design by up to 50 percent through Dec. 31 ("Adolf Loos: A Private Portrait," by Claire Beck Loos, originally about \$25, is about \$12); onlinebookfair.designersandbooks.com.

**Good deals** may be reported to deals@nytimes.com.



## Décor Kate Spade Designs for West Elm

▶ Kate Spade Saturday, a young and cheeky sister brand of the fashion company, has partnered with West Elm on home furnishings. The line includes bedding, rugs, furniture, lighting, artwork and even a garment rack.

"It's a pretty big statement to put three chairs out there, with a bedding collection and wall art,"

Vanessa Holden, West Elm's senior vice president and creative director, said of the products. Another big statement is in the designs themselves. The Floral Combo and Floral Study patterns are splashed like thick brush strokes in a way reminiscent of Marimekko but a lot messier. "They're fearless in their use of

vibrant color, and bring a young energy to the table," Ms. Holden said of her partners. "We tend to be a lot more nuanced."

The collection will be online starting Dec. 30 and in stores in January. Prices range from \$19 for a jewelry box to \$799 for a rug. Information: 888-922-4119 or westelm.com. RIMA SUQI

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