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DOILIES REDUX

The reaction to the word "doily" can be both comforting (thanks grandma!) and cringe-inducing, but Modern-Twist has come up with a way to give the doleful doily a much-needed makeover. Clean lines and organic detailing make the hand silkscreened Doileez a modern choice for slipping under a vase or using as a decorative touch when serving up sweets (they're made from food-grade silicon and are heatproof to 480 F). Choose the cluster or loop pattern in an assortment of colours. \$41-47/ pkg. of 2, Kilian International Design



INTERNATIONAL DATEBOOK

Most people in the design industry don't need an excuse to visit Europe, but here are three upcoming events sure turn a lingering maybe into a must-go!

Light+Building | April 11-16 | Frankfurt, Germany

Light+Building, the leading trade fair for architecture and technology, will open the doors to the biggest light "showroom" in the world, with 1,500 exhibitors presenting the complete spectrum of lighting technology. Key themes include lighting trends, digitalized lighting and the impact of eco design. www.light-building.messefrankfurt.com

Salone Internazionale del Mobile | April 14-19, 2010 | Milan, Italy

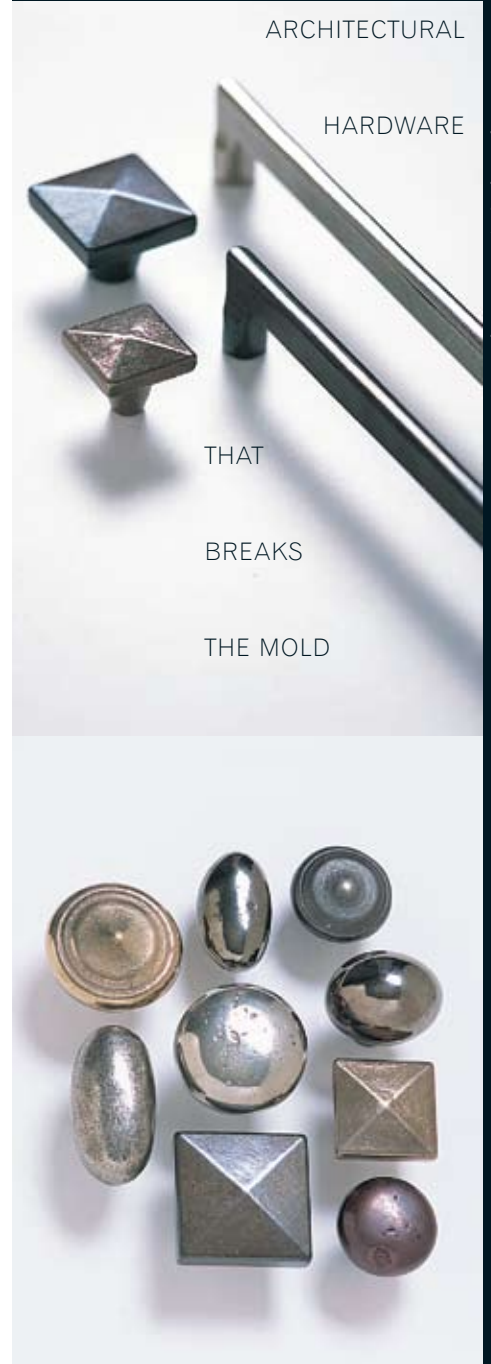
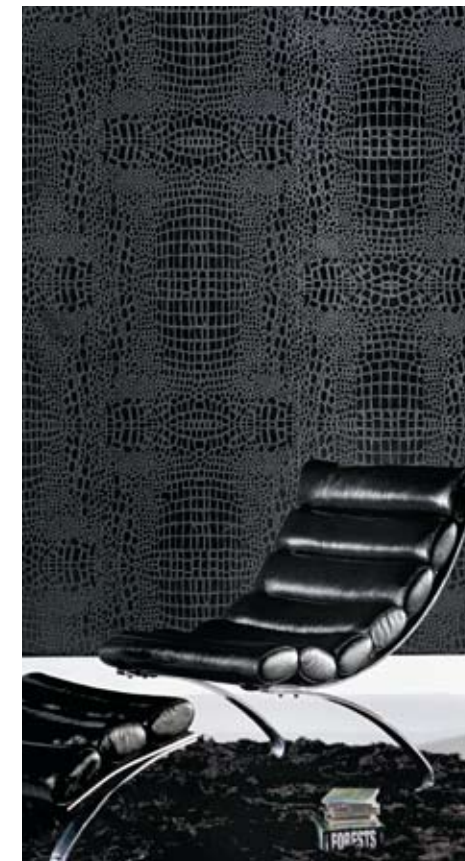
More than 2,300 exhibitors will showcase the latest furniture, accessories for every room in the home, including kitchen and bath, at the 49th annual edition of the event. Hot topics at this year's event include "Everyone to the Table," a look at the world of dining deconstructed from food prep to table settings, and more. www.cosmit.it

EVTEKS | May 19-23 | Istanbul, Turkey

Istanbul's home textile exhibition is expected to grow this year, with 850 exhibitors from 20 countries showcasing 2,000 brands during the fair. Last year's highlight – the Trend Forum – will return one again, and for the first time, a carpet section will be present, showcasing the latest industry trends. www.itf-evteks.com

ANIMAL ATTRACTION

Don't worry: although reptile skin was the inspiration for Motivo Crocodile, the textured surface is actually made of quartz. The exotic look is durable and suitable for a range of applications. Picture this tactile surface as the top of a sexy bar, or a wall that drips (especially in the shower) with drama. The options are only limited by your imagination. *Icon Stone & Tile*



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