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EXCEPTIONAL  
TASTE LIVES

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## DESIGN AS AUTOBIOGRAPHY

*Extraordinary Homes That Tell a Story*







## Rugs as Exquisite Tapestry

Fine carpets, early symbols as they were of status and wealth, were often displayed in ways more suited to admiration than underfoot. Raised to eye level, today's rare and exceptional rugs deliver similar artistic gusto. For instance, this early 20th-century Swedish flatweave hung on the wall as tapestry was woven by Båstad artist Märta Måås-Fjetterström, whose works appear in the Louvre and The Met (available through Mansour).

ABOVE: Paseo rug (on floor), New Moon Rugs. • Esmaili Rugs Vintage Romanian Bessarabian Floral kilim (on chair), 1stDibs. • Antique French walnut table, Maison de France Antiques. • Tuareg Hexagonal side table, Katie Leede & Company



*Rugs as*  
**Cozy Bed Layers**

Bringing a weighty, textural note to crisp cotton, percale, or linen sheets, this **Lenia flatweave rug** by Ben Soleimani is brilliant as a coverlet. Similarly lightweight rugs can deliver as much gravitas on headboards: Here, Soleimani's neutral **Alterno rug** is trimmed with cotton-tape ties to become a centerpiece slipcover.



ABOVE: Islesboro lamp, Reed Smythe. • Phaenna lampshade, Perrotine. • Patna Indian bedcover, Hollywood at Home. • Antique Textile lumbar pillow, Katie Leede & Company. • English antique cricket table, Henhouse Antiques. • For buying information, see *The Sourcebook*, page 196.