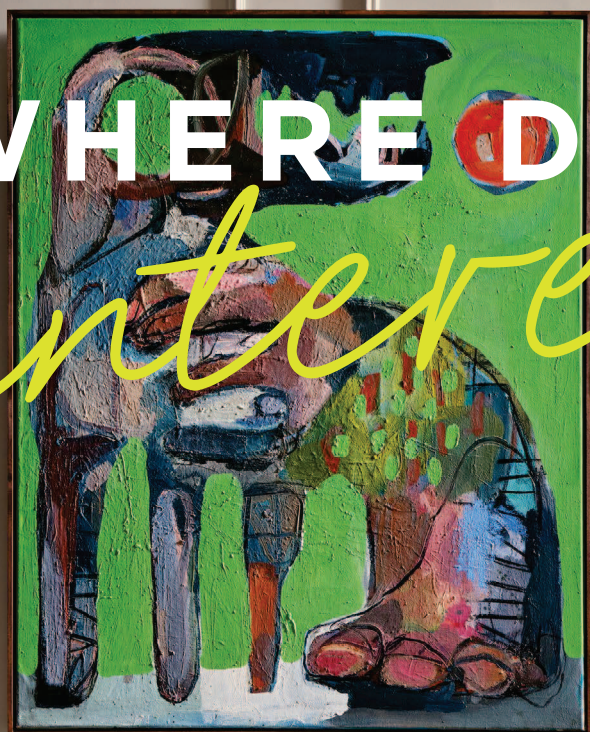


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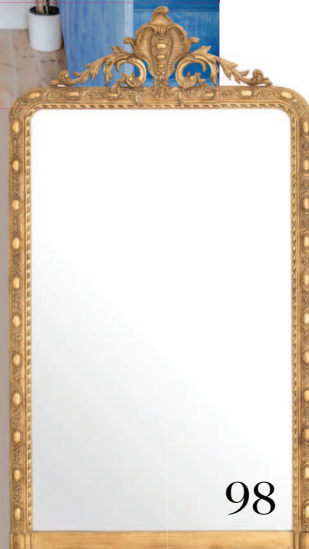
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Nolo table by
Simone Bonanni
for S-CAB



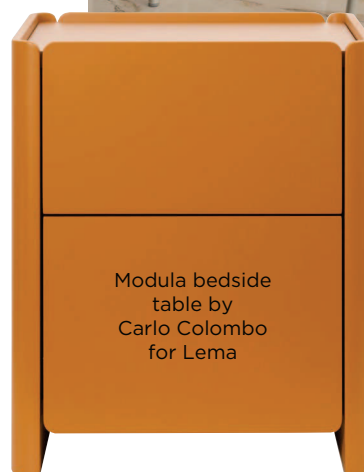
trend one LACQUER

Among the many trends to emerge from this year's Milan Design Week, lacquer stood out as one of the most exciting, glamorous, eye-catching and, well, shiny. It just seemed to be everywhere, from the super sexy Field table by Vincent Van Duysen for B&B Italia to the equally slick Nolo table by Simone Bonanni for S-CAB. It's a reaction to the long-standing dominance of bouclé and muted, earthy palettes, as lacquer twinkles in a way that wool could never. Its high-gloss finish catches and reflects light, drawing the eye across a room and lending even simple forms a heightened sense of presence. It recalls the bold confidence of the 1970s and the decorative exuberance of art deco, yet feels surprisingly fresh when applied to contemporary silhouettes. Perhaps most importantly, it offers contrast. Lacquer also doesn't have to be big – the lacquered metal frame of the Vivian bar stool at Bontempi was just enough of a flash to elevate a whole scheme. In interiors filled with textured linens, brushed woods and matt stone, lacquer provides a smooth, luminous counterpoint that creates depth and intrigue. The result is furniture that feels simultaneously nostalgic and modern: familiar forms elevated through an attention-grabbing finish. ►



Vivian
bar stool,
Bontempi

Modula bedside
table by
Carlo Colombo
for Lema



Bambù cabinet, Calligaris



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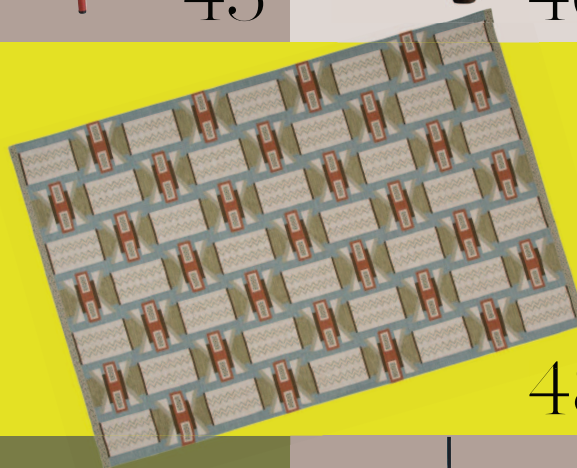
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