#### Kim Parker Home

Years back, trained flutist and nownamesake principal Kim Parker laid down this jazzy, lyrical pattern on a tiny square of silk. Rather than offer it to one of her fashion clients at the time (Anna Sui, Diane von Furstenberg, Gap), Parker tucked the prototype in a suede suitcase with a thousand others to await the launch of her home line. More recently, she dubbed the pattern Manhattan, and voilà! Happily, the rug is ethically woven of New Zealand wool in India, thus guaranteed to be made by adults-absolutely no child labor is involved. 212-529-0012; kimparker.tv. circle 522

### **NOA Imports**

This Raleigh-based source supplies not only antique rugs and expressive ethnic accessories but also intriguing modern takes on same. Designer Fida Nehme cites an exotic roster of creative influences from volcanoes to Japanese art. Three lush new designs, Geisha, Caldera, and Bloom are all hand-knotted in the Tibetan manner using virgin Himalayan wool. Choose area rugs in four sizes starting at 8 by 10 feet and going up to 11 by 16. 919-274-8820;

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#### **Judy Ross** Textiles

The fall 2011 collection from this Manhattan-based studio lanternlike form that Ross, the firm's principal, borrowed from words, she then "did my magic Tabla lanolin-rich rug features scatterings of parchment and melon-orange silk a millimeter judyrosstextiles.com. circle 526

### Warp & Weft

Exquisite 19th-century-style kilim flatweaves are produced in very limited quantities in the Kia Sar region of northern Iran. As ancient as the historical technique is, however, the effect is sometimes keenly modern. One of eight pieces in this collection of new rugs, Kia Sar 5015 uses minimally processed, unbleached, and vegetable-dyed local wool for an unusually large and detailed one-off design. The weaver chose the colors and design details in this case, but similar custom orders are possible. 212-481-4949; warpandweft.com. circle 524

highlights a hand-drawn a kimono print which, in her on." The resulting knotted a dark-fig field overlaid by oyster Tibetan wool in a low sheared pile, along with high. Custom colors are also an option. 212-842-1705;

Kilopond

Who knew that Earth's gravitational force on a kilogram of mass could be recorded in kiloponds? As director of the Ideilan Design studio, Basque native and design professor Jon Santacoloma measures his own hand-tufted wool Unión rug very differently—in terms of its clever adaptability. Connecting and reconnecting the various sections is easy as ripping and readjusting the heavy-duty Velcro strips incorporated along the edges.

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