

TEXTILES

Copper Threads Among the Bronze: Fabrics With the Glint of Metal

Sophie Mallebranche, winner of an award for textile design at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in May, creates lustrous woven fabrics by weaving metallic threads — copper, stainless steel, bronze or brass — with linen, silk or silicone fibers. “I am not a designer,” she said, but “an artist and a researcher in textiles made with new materials.” She uses the fabrics to make things like curtains, place mats and tapestries. (An example, from a Tokyo installation, is at lower right.)

Some of the textiles look handmade, others more high-tech, but all are custom made by hand in Ms. Mallebranche’s Paris atelier. They start at about \$170 a foot (about three feet wide); 011-331-4252-4206 or sophiemallebranche.com.

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