



Clockwise from above: Vintage kilim compositions: Round (#23286); Dece Fan (#23217); Summit (#27452); Linear (#23292).



## K is for Kilims

The fashion edict that advises shoes first, outfit second is echoed at home, where many decorators kick off a room by picking a rug. If you're already married to your décor, here's a way to complement your personal style. Fine carpet dealer F.J. Hakimian has a service that lets you select panels of vintage kilims (Persian flat-weave rugs) to be sewn into contemporary compositions of your choosing. It's a marriage made in interior design heaven: old-soul material meets au courant design. Hakimian has dozens of 1950s-era kilims, which range in color from rowdy brights to subdued ochre, sand or chocolate brown. Choose wire or luminous silver thread and a ready-made rug pattern—from simple patchwork to elaborate Art Deco geometrics-or follow your own creative whims. Four to six weeks later your creation will arrive and tie together an ensemble that's enviable and timeless. fihakimian.com. -Sophie Donelson