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Crate and Barrel has long been a favorite shopping destination for homeowners looking for chic, classic and contemporary home décor and furnishings. Now, the shop will also be a go-to for home organizing and cleaning. The just-launched line, **Clean Slate**, offers more than 150 quality tools, appliances, cleaning products, storage items and organization solutions for closets, laundry room and more function-focused spaces throughout the home. <u>www.crateandbarrel.com</u>.



#### **Under Cover**

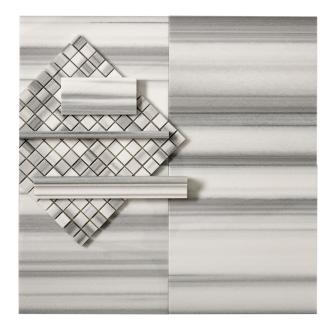
With its natural breathability, the new **Baby Alpaca Throws** uniquely adjust to your changing body temperature, making it the perfect cover-up for cozying on summer nights. These finest-grade throws are available in the soothing hues of oatmeal, ink, charcoal, birch and nutmeg. Prices start at \$430. <u>www.hastens.com</u>.

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## **Poetry in Motion**

Meeting masculinity (thanks to its spiky stems) with femininity (as seen in the fluttering metallic sheets), the new **Poetry Nine-Light Pendant** (\$5,085) would be an unexpected and exciting way to light up an entryway. <u>www.corbettlighting.com</u>



## Square Style

With its use of the finest materials from around the globe (like quarries in remote mountains in Italy and ancient caves in Greece), Waterworks has reintroduced its remarkable **Keystone Tile Collection**. The versatile Zephyr colorway (pictured) features beautifully contrasting layers of dark gray and white. Prices start at about \$11 per square foot for dimensional stone. Waterworks Showroom, Scottsdale. <u>store.waterworks.com</u>

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#### Lazy Days

UV-treated and water-resistant, this **Anjuna Aluminum Outdoor Bed** (\$2,375) by Zuo is the ultimate way to soak up the summer season. Not included: a stack of new magazines, fresh lemonade and your favorite pair of shades. <u>www.eurostylelighting.com</u>

# Tips of the Trade

AFM asks our favorite pros for their designing advice. When it comes to transforming your home for the summer season, Pam Beattie of Venetian Décor says...

Do incorporate bright, airy colors into a room by changing up the slipcovers on your furniture or adding throw pillows with fun, cheerful colors.

**Do** bring in the outdoors. Fresh-cut flowers, plants and fresh fruit centerpieces will make your home smell and look beautiful. If you're into a more rustic feel, you can use eco-friendly items like hemp and bamboo to bring a more natural and exotic outdoor feel indoors.

**Don't** forget to update your patio furniture with new plush cushions or pillows to give it a feeling of paradise. Add a fresh-flower or fruit centerpiece to the table to really make it Zen. You can have company over and serve them outside.

Don't limit your reading nooks to the indoors. In the yard, add a swing, hammock or bench that you can go and escape to with a good summer read.

"Design can be art. Design can be aesthetics. Design is so simple, that's why it is so complicated."-Paul Rand

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