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# Worth a Second Look

From unexpected materials to unlikely inspirations, these new pieces possess a beauty that is beyond skin deep.

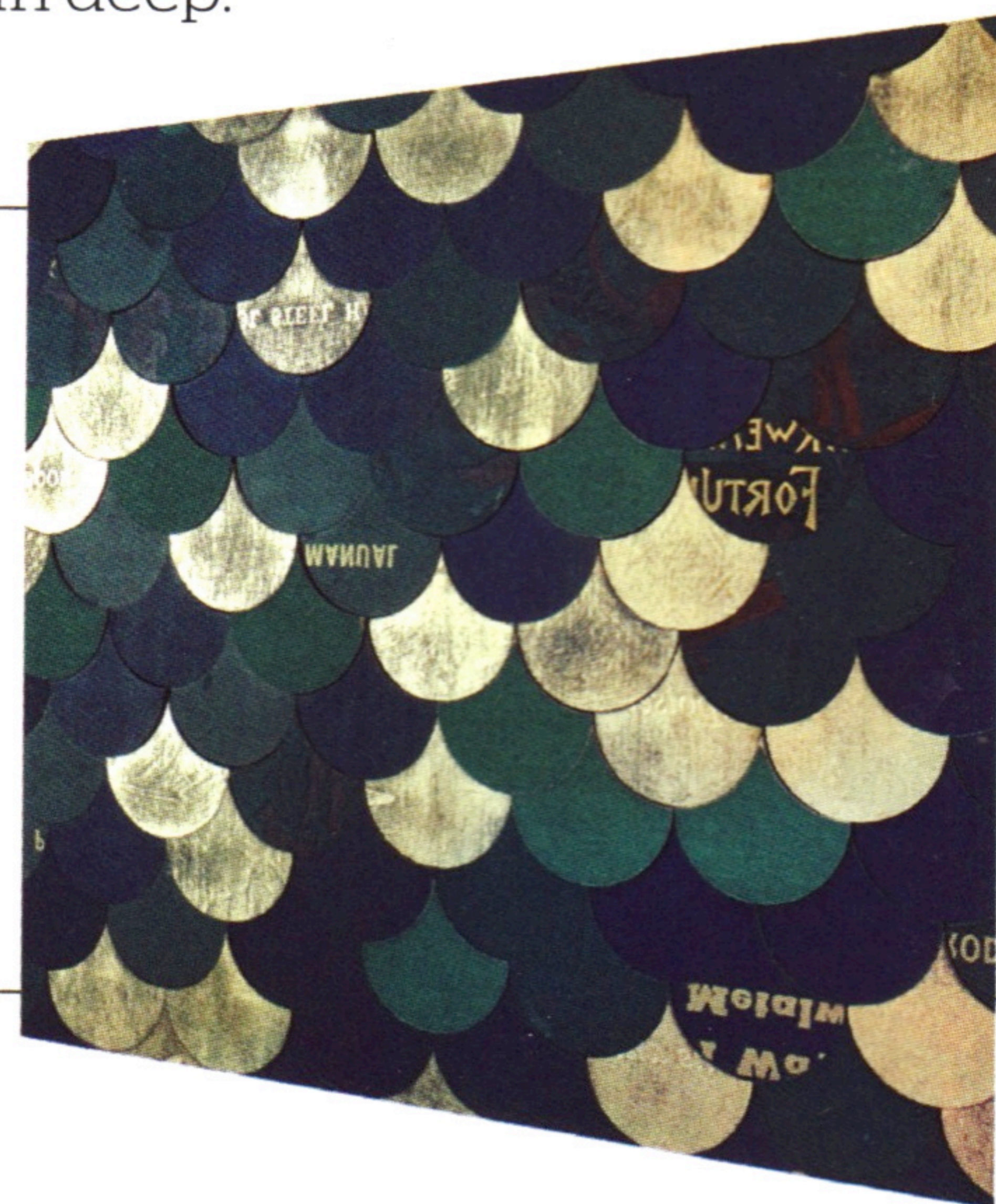


## True Blues

The organic yet graphic designs of Serena & Lily's new **Azure Plates** are inspired by South African stoneware. The plates are part of the Bay Area company's Nova Collection, and each hand-painted piece sports one-of-a-kind variations that are sure to diversify any dinner party; \$98 for a set of four, [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com).

## Special Editions

To create his **Bookcover wall panels**, Los Angeles fine artist-turned-interior designer Brian Gennett carefully laser cuts vintage volumes with sun-faded bindings and marbled endpapers before applying a subtle shine with his own gilt flourishes. He then uses the tiles to make graphic patterns, such as the fish-scale motif seen here; from \$55 per sq. ft., [briangennett.com](http://briangennett.com).



## On the Hook

LA designer Tim Campbell embellished his new table collection with Gothic features, such as a charred black finish and exotic lines—the hooked legs that distinguish the oak **Berlin console** (shown) are at once refined and peculiar; \$5,600, [studiotimcampbell.com](http://studiotimcampbell.com).

## Botanic Garden

New York designer Stephanie Odegard puts the petal to the metal for her new collection of **brass cocktail tables**, which pay homage to the fragrant chrysanthemum and frangipani blooms of India. Pluck one for yourself at the Stephanie Odegard showroom in the San Francisco Design Center; \$2,860-\$4,515, [stephanieodegard.com](http://stephanieodegard.com).



## Turtle Power

For its latest collection, Ancient America, Brazilian jewelry company H. Stern drew inspiration from animism, the pre-Columbian belief that humans acquire powers from the spirits of the natural world. The **Turtle ring** is crafted with onyx and cognac pavé diamonds, making it a glamorous fertility idol; available in California at Saks Fifth Avenue; \$8,200, [saksfifthavenue.com](http://saksfifthavenue.com).