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NATURAL STYLE REIGNS SUPREME THIS SEASON, ELEVATED BY SHIMMERING METALLICS

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ccents and furnishings continued their love affair with all things natural, embracing the earth and its resources with a decidedly luxe perspective. With plenty of asymmetry to mimic the glorious imperfection of nature, new introductions reveled in faceted dimensions and angled forms for a thoroughly organic

Wood continued to be the material of choice for furniture and accessories, complemented by statement-making metallic finishes. While gold and silver

finishes were plentiful, the directional choices this season were brass and bronze. Unfinished, cerused and light wood finishes were surprisingly joined by an ar-

elevated design. Linen offerings really took off this season, joined by other natural materials such as leather and alpaca. Prevalent motifs and patterns include

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aesthetic.

ray of dark, dramatic finishes.

Onyx, marble and other semiprecious stones played into the nature trend, embracing a luxuriant, yet simplistic approach to METALLIC FINISHES.
bamboo, banana leaves and

lattice for a refreshing al fresco

On the contemporary front, bold, modern looks gave a nod

to architectural inspirations.
Geometric forms were key to the equation, with triangles, lines, squares and circles showcased in inventive, striking compositions.
Interlinked and layered shapes reinforced the importance of these timeless symbols.

Neutral colors dominated the market, but color played an important role when applied as an accent pop. Saturated shades of orange, red, cobalt and turquoise added energy and excitement, with verdant greens and radiant yellows as the most sought-after shades.