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Cover Story: Check Out These Latest Contract Solutions for Walls

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From creating a focal point to a backdrop that blends in seamlessly with the interior architecture and furnishings, wall coverings pull double duty, offering an aesthetic or color and an added layer of protection against stains and scuffs. The Fall/Winter season has seen a number of exciting introductions in this product category, particularly for the contract market.

One of the most visually stunning products we saw was textile-giant Designtex's Shibori collection, which is named for the ancient Japanese tie-dyeing technique and comprised of both upholstery fabrics and wall coverings. With regard to the latter, there are two patterns available. Shibori Flower sports a repeating, abstracted six-petal flower graphic that fades in and out. The pattern is offered in a small, medium or large scale.

And finally, just this week, Wolf-Gordon unveiled its Rampart collection, an impact-resistant wall covering that's been engineered for high-traffic commercial spaces. Reportedly as high-performing as leading rigid-sheet products, Rampart helps protect walls against scratches and dents thanks to a specially formulated finish called Surcoat yet is less costly compared to rigid sheet panels. This new product line launches officially on March 1 with five patterns in a range of color palettes.



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