

More Than a *Textile* Designer

Shortly after opening her own design studio, **LIESEL PLAMBECK** answered an ad for Mehraban Rugs. The company was seeking a textile designer, and the two immediately hit it off. They worked together to create an impressive collection of 30 rug designs based on Plambeck's unique ideas. For example, the idea for the Pose rug came when she began taking photos of herself dancing in her studio. "I wanted to do a collage and for the figures to have movement, looking at Matisse and Keith Haring for inspiration," she says. Soheil Mehraban, owner, Mehraban Rugs quickly discovered that Liesel was much more than a textile designer. "We immediately saw the artistry in Liesel and worked very hard to make her central to our design endeavors. Her sense of color is perfect and her designs are both highly realized and breezy." ▶



(Above) Plambeck's first design for *Pose* had full figures. It wasn't until she cut off the legs that it started taking shape.

(Right) *Profile* is a mohair shag.



Feeling a surge of creativity, Meijers started painting after traveling to Hong Kong, India and Vietnam. She was inspired by their cultures and felt a need to express them on canvas.

Confidently *Colorful*

Amsterdam-based artist and designer **MARISKA MEIJERS** brings her European style to America through a new partnership with Stylecraft. Meijers creates collections of colorful lamps, chairs, accent tables and more based on three patterns: ikat, palm and birds. The lighting program, named Mixology, is unique in that shades can be added to any lamp group to allow for mixing. "I feel there is no reason to be afraid of color, and I find myself pushing the envelope somewhat in the market by showing my eclectic style, such as combining a glossy Asian-inspired lamp base with an eccentric, cobalt blue ikat shade," Meijers says. "We wanted to allow buyers and customers the opportunity to be inspired by colors as I have in my own designs. By offering multiple shades that mix and match with the entire collection, it evokes creativity and intrigues the senses." ▶

