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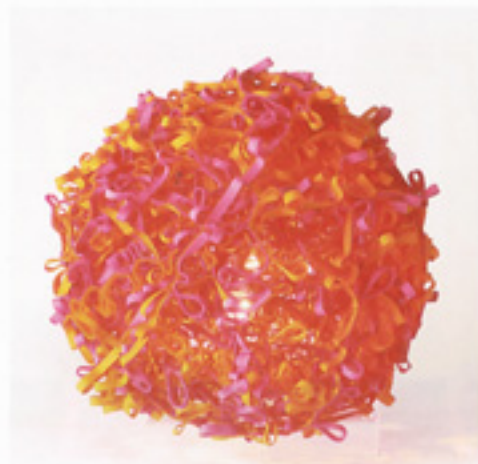
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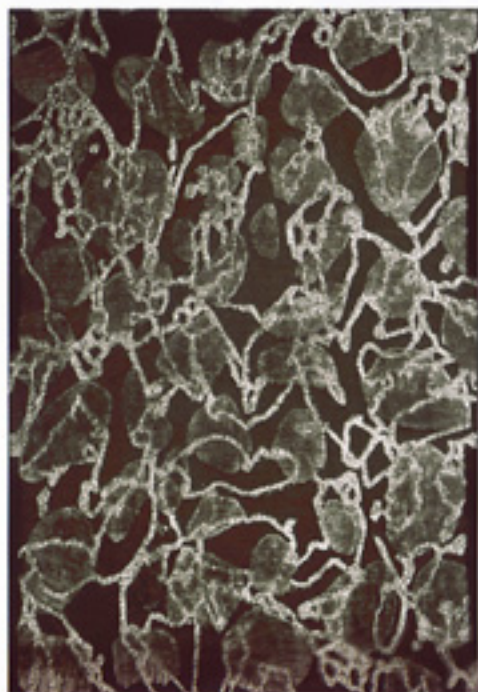
**INSIDE: GARIN SILKS | VICKI SIMON | ICF NEW YORK
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Far left: *Loopla Bubble*, Rachel O'Neill, Bangor, Northern Ireland
Left: *In the Woods I*, Bev Hisey, Toronto
Below left: *Ombra*, with Swarovski crystals, Aziz + Cucher for Nying Zemo, New York
Below: *Arch*, Amy Helfand, Brooklyn
Bottom left: *Berries*, Bennett Bean, New Jersey



ICFF 2008

Looking at the representation of textiles and rugs at the vast number of design fairs across Europe, there tends to be a high number of fabric companies exhibiting, with a comparatively small smattering of carpet designers showing alongside. At ICFF in New York, for this year at least, the scenario was quite the reverse. Not only were there numerous carpet producers on show at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on 17-20 May, but, without wishing to present a biased opinion, they were by far the most eye-catching and exciting stands at the fair. Colourful, kaleidoscopic patterns on rugs from Orley & Shabahang and bold fish designs in wool and silk from Emma Gardner stimulated the senses. Sea life was also the subject of rugs by Robin Gray from Santa Fe, and San Francisco's Vicki

Simon, whose new design *Oceanic Id* by her son Tate Cohrs for The Depths Collection, featured a toothsome mythical octopus trailing down the runner.

Inspired by nature, Bev Hisey, from Toronto, showed her first hand knotted rug *In the Woods I*, a vibrant composition of colour based on an oil painting by her grandmother; *Berries* by Bennett Bean, New Jersey, is the first in a series of earthy rug designs; and New York's Classic Carpet Collection had some elegant 300-knot silk rugs. BANG BANG BANG! and CRAASH! screamed Stile BK's new cartoon-like, graphic rug designs from the Fumetto Collection, which went down a storm. More attention-grabbing from Timorous Beasties whose *Bloody Hell* wallpapers and textiles commented on the Iraq war. Luke Irwin, from London, had just completed *Doves and Stripes*, a fantastic US flag rug with the stars portrayed as white