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SHIIR RUGS

A hands-on passion for sumptuous fibers inspired Chicago-based interior designers Shea Soucie and Martin Horner to create SHIIR, an exquisite and extensive line of rugs that combine ancient weaving techniques with modern luxury. (SHIIR comes from the names of the five company founders, starting with Soucie and Horner.) “We’re all about fiber. It drives our designs,” Soucie says. “Fiber is explored and manipulated so we can see what its best qualities are, and then we design rugs to exploit those qualities—sheen, hand, texture, whatever.”

Wool, cashmere, mohair, pashmina, and silk are woven to create rugs with what the designers call “rough-luxe sensibility.” The duo partners with a Chicago rug purveyor whose relationships with weavers allow the designers to meet with artisans in Nepal and India. “We travel overseas to discuss innovative ways to push design,” Horner says. And push they do, offering a vast range of designs to meet many tastes. —Amy Elbert