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WALKING ON SUNSHINE

A lively runner (right) is bound to put an extra beat in your step. Rhythmic Ribbon runner, available through designers from Christine Van Der Hurd: 212-213-6541.



Floor Plan

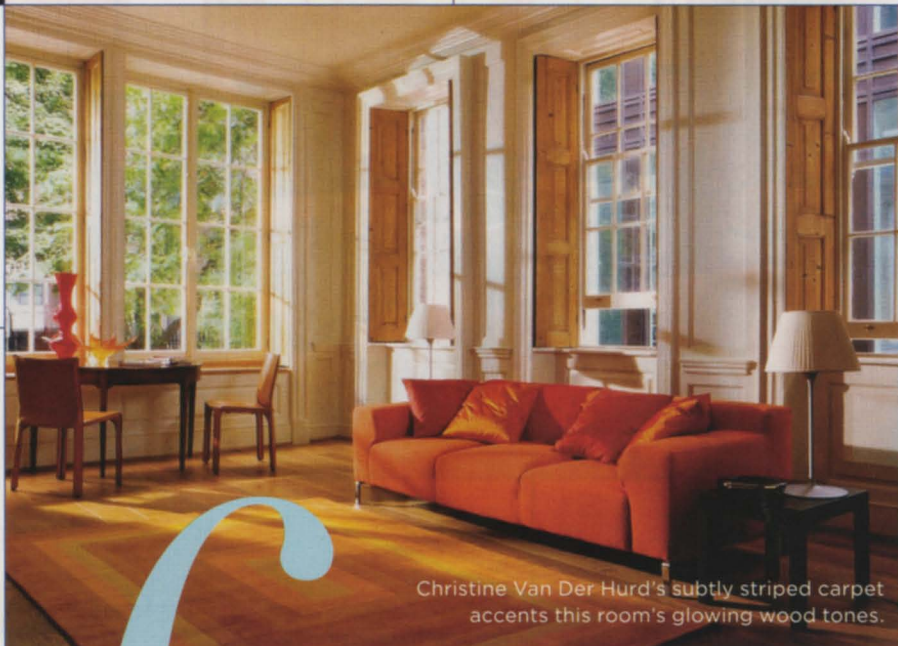
Carpet and textile designer Christine Van Der Hurd offers some pointers on introducing color and texture from the ground up



1 Go with your gut feeling when choosing a carpet. I think color is more important than design; if you don't love the hue, the pattern, however pretty, won't matter.

2 Consider whether you want your carpet to be a focal point of the room, or to blend in unobtrusively. Highly patterned, brightly colored carpets obviously belong in the former category.

3 If possible, choose your carpet before deciding upon paint, upholstery, and curtains. The colors in your carpet can provide inspiration for the color scheme of an entire room.



Christine Van Der Hurd's subtly striped carpet accents this room's glowing wood tones.

4 Before making a decision about carpets, think about whether dirt is a factor. Do you have small children or dogs? Do you entertain a lot? More pattern can help to hide daily wear and tear.

5 In rooms with lots of pattern and texture, it's generally best to choose a single-color floor covering—but it doesn't have to be beige. Pick out a color you like from the curtains or cushions.

6 If you're trying to find a carpet that will work with fabric and colors already in place, consider custom design. It's not necessarily much more expensive than off-the-rack, and you will have a unique, perfectly matched piece.

7 Runners on stairs can introduce color and texture to the bland environment of a hall or staircase. A cotton dhurrie runner, for example, could be perfect for a beach house.

8 Offices don't have to have wall-to-wall industrial carpeting. An interesting rug that you like to look at can make the workplace far more inviting.

9 Children love color, so don't be afraid of using it in their rooms. Choose a carpet that is soft and comfortable to sit on, as they tend to really use the floor while playing. Sometimes the design on a carpet can even feed into activities and games.

10 If you don't want a pattern, but like a textured look, consider a natural yarn that takes dye unevenly. Another option is to look for carpets that leave the fabric knots looped, or uncut, which can add wonderful luster and texture.



LEATHER BAR Square leather tray with steel stud accents, \$95; from Apartment 48: 212-807-1391.



STYLISHLY STRIPED Bar Code color enamel tray, \$930; by Christine Van Der Hurd for ZigZag evvltd: 212-213-6541.



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