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Wood As New

Recently rebranded as MAYA, the eponymous wallcovering firm founded by Maya Romanoff more than 45 years ago is continuing to expand its collection of artisanal wallpapers. More than half of the pieces are made by hand in the Chicago studio, utilizing textural elements such as shells, gold leaf, hemp and, now, wood veneer. The latest collection, which had its international debut at the recent NeoCon design show at The Merchandise Mart, features microthin wood veneer that is intricately hand-laid over paper backing. True to MAYA's legacy, it is functional and durable with the flexibility to wrap around corners and columns, and artful with an art deco influence that captures and reflects light beautifully—an environmentally sound, modern update to traditional wood paneling with a glamorous take that makes it, oh, so MAYA. —Andrea Mills

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