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Straw Marquetry

Straw marquetry, a craft dating back to ancient Egypt, gained popularity during the Art Deco era and continues to enchant contemporary interior designers with its timeless elegance and unique aesthetic. This technique intricately arranges thin strips of straw to create patterns and designs on surfaces, such as furniture, walls or decorative objects, blending rich craftsmanship history with a modern aesthetic.

A key aesthetic benefit of straw marquetry is its ability to evoke a sense of luxury and sophistication. The natural texture and warm tones of straw add depth and richness to any space, creating a visually striking and inviting

atmosphere. The intricate patterns and designs created through straw marquetry offer endless possibilities for customization, allowing designers to tailor the technique to suit a variety of design styles and preferences.

The quintessential sunburst motifs, characterized by rays radiating from a central point, evoke optimism and glamour, making the pattern ideal for adding drama and focus in modern interiors.

Straw marquetry seamlessly bridges the gap between the past and the present, offering versatility in contemporary interiors.

While rooted in Art Deco, its use in modern design projects adds a fresh and unexpected twist that resonates with today's aesthetic sensibilities. Its timeless appeal and ability to complement a range of design styles, from classic to minimalist, make it a sought-after choice for infusing character and charm into spaces. Due to its level of popularity, many of the world-renowned wallpaper suppliers have developed more affordable solutions and offer exquisite wallpapers emulating the straw marquetry aesthetic in a more cost-effective way.

left *A beautiful curving screen, enhanced by its abstract silhouette adorned in silvered straw marquetry, meticulously crafted by Antonio da Motta for Alexander Lamont.*

opposite *The Ajiro Sunburst wallpaper by Maya Romanoff showcases an elegant sunburst motif, crafted using a classic hand-inlaid technique, delicately applied with micro-thin wood on a paper backing.*

