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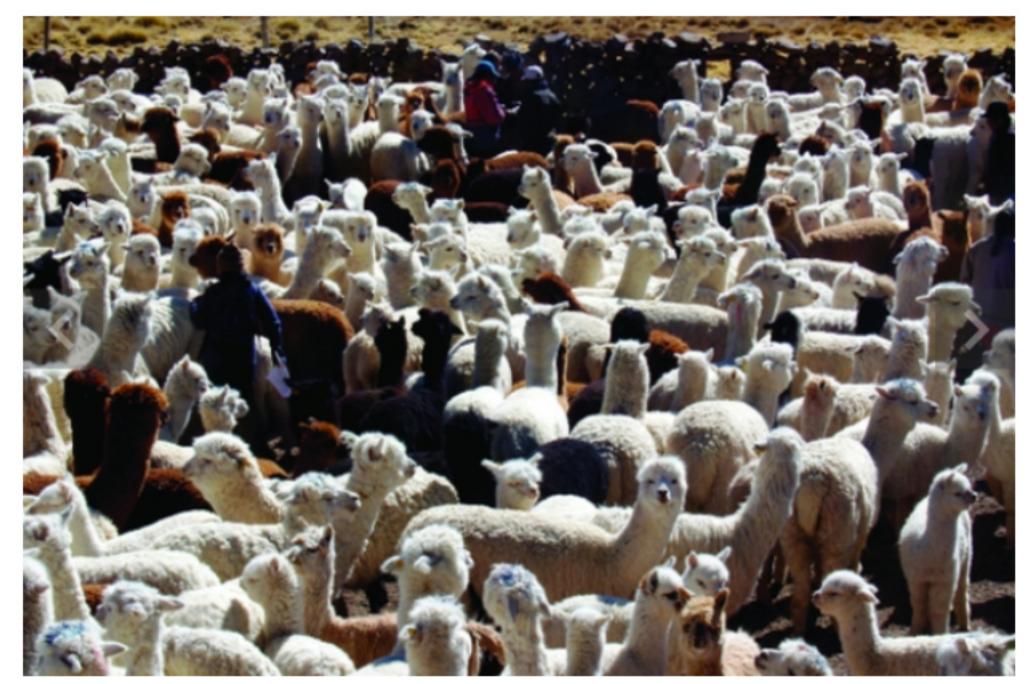
## Design Daily: South American Inspiration from Jiun Ho and Sandra Jordan

Every opportunity that I get to dust off my passport and add a new international stamp comes with a jolt of anticipation. What will I see, experience, taste, or discover on this next trip? What will the people be like, and what will the air smell like when I step outside the airport doors and into a new country for the first time? For world travelers with answers to these questions—or with wistful dreams of their next trip—the fourth furniture collection from San Francisco designer Jiun Ho brings a taste of South America to fantastic, functional life.

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Alpacas being al-dorable. Photography by Jiun Ho.





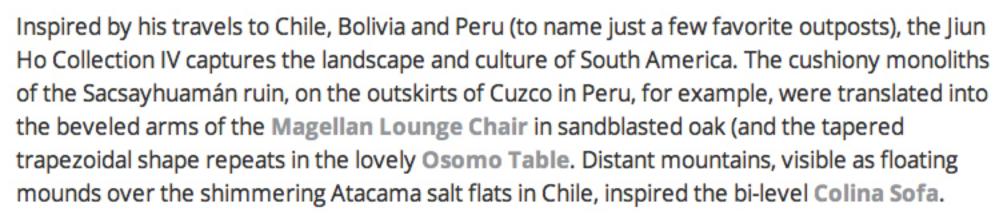












Did I mention that Jiun collaborated with one of my favorite textile designers, Healdsburg-based Sandra Jordan, and upholstered each piece in her signature prima alpaca? The cashmere-like fabric, which is sheared from the cuddly camelid, has been a treasured textile in Peru for millennia (alpacas were bred and refined for their fleece by the Incas). As a native Peruvian, Sandra can wax poetic about the benefits of alpaca fiber, which doesn't break, pill or create static. It's also naturally hypoallergenic, water-repellent, incredibly sustainable, comes in an array of natural hues (from white to mushroom and black), and is as soft as the finest cashmere.

The collection makes for a wonderful combination of design and destination. At his SOMA gallery, Jiun Ho de Jia, the designer smartly displayed his furniture near his blown-up photographs of the locations or people that launched each piece, so every stop cues a lovely story about the experiences that inspired his work. Broad swaths of Sandra Jordan's fabric also hang nearby in a range of colors, from spicy Red Pepper to cool Olive (just try not to touch every one, I dare you).

Jiun Ho de Jia, 1180 Folsom St., San Francisco, 415-437-2284; open Monday through Friday 9 am – 5 pm and by appointment on Saturday.

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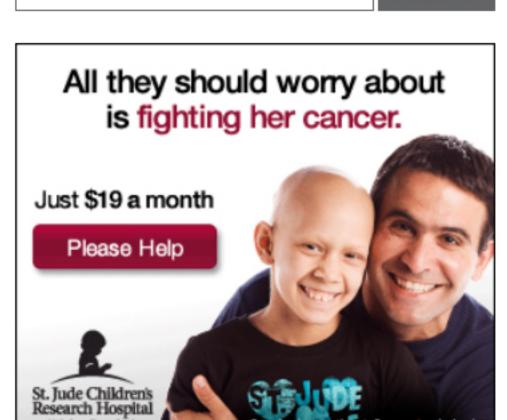




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