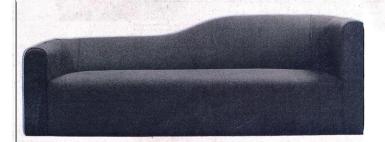
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Curves Ahead, Alpaca Crossing

When the San Franciscobased interior designer Jiun Ho met Sandra Jordan at a design event in 2008, kindred spirits collided. The Malaysian-born Mr. Ho makes minimalist furniture inspired by his global travels. Ms. Jordan, the Peruvian-born daughter of a diplomat, heads a company that distributes luxury alpaca textiles. The result is the Jiun Ho IV Collection, 13 pieces inspired by the designer's journeys in South America and upholstered in Ms. Jordan's fabrics.

Among alpaca's virtues, Mr. Ho said, is that it is hypoallergenic and doesn't pill or itch. The material, he added, has the ability "to stretch across a sexy curve." like the one in his asymmetrical Colina sofa, shown (about \$10,930). Upholstery colors in his collection, including zinc, red pepper and olive, take their cues from Peruvian weavings. Available to the trade only. For information on showrooms, visit jiunho.com. JOANNE FURIO