

# MAGIC CARPETS

Timothy and Mia Worrell travel the world to bring you luxe rugs and design finds to outfit your home.

*By Jennifer Barger // Portrait by Greg Powers*

Turkish flat-weaves in earth tones and fuzzy Moroccan shag rugs stacked nearly to chin height. Silk ikat pillows in rainbow hues rakishly tossed on a carved sofa. Two-story-high cement walls hung with banquet-hall-size Indian carpets. Married textile and decor savants Timothy and Mia Worrell's new digs feel more like a far-flung bazaar than a warehouse near Tysons Corner. The pair, operating under the Timothy Paul name, ran design stores in Logan Circle and the Mosaic District for 16 years before deciding to operate here this past spring on a by-appointment basis. "We're thinking of it as a design studio with a warehouse vibe," says Timothy, pointing out the seamstress whipping up pillows from African textiles at the rear of the space. The couple jet to Istanbul and other foreign ports several times a year to hunt for the trademark carpets, which range from sherbet-hued Moroccan high-pile beauties from the Atlas Mountains to modern Indian abstracts that look like art for the floor. "We cater to clients who travel, who appreciate culture and who don't want a space that looks like it came out of a box store," says Timothy. Besides their carpets, the pair also traffics in luxe bedding by names like John Robshaw, Matouk and Sferra; custom pillows; and rustic-meets-elegant furniture brands. Their wanderlust vibe marries clean lines and interesting textures; it shows up in clients' spaces, as well as in hospitality projects like the new Cottages at Queenstown Harbor ([qhgolf.com/stay](http://qhgolf.com/stay)). The latter, a trio of luxe rental houses on an Eastern Shore golf course, stars quirky art on the walls, vibrant textiles on the upholstery and—no surprise—chic coverings on the floor. "It's easy to start with a rug because it really sets the mood for the whole room," adds Mia. Here's how the Worrells put together a space with finds from around the DMV.

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Mia and Timothy Worrell, seen here at their showroom, outfit your abode from the ground up.



RUG: PHOTO BY GREG POWERS; WIA, WORRELL CURF, BLACETT AND FABRINGS COURTESY OF SOPHIE BLAKE AND HARE BVFP; JATON, DAVID SALON, ARLINGTON; TIMOTHY WORRELL HAIR BY SALON NORDINE FABRAX



**WHOLE GRAINS**  
"Ken Coffey, a Frederick-based woodworker, can customize anything. This credenza is from reclaimed wood, and we developed it together," says Timothy. Credenza, price upon request, at [krcwoodworking@gmail.com](mailto:krcwoodworking@gmail.com)

**NIGHT FANTASTIC**  
"I like that this [piece] mixes woods and metals," says Timothy. "Plus the combination of drawers and shelves is really handy." Oxford nightstand, \$699, Crate & Barrel, 4820 Massachusetts Ave. NW, 1800 W. International Drive, McLean; [crateandbarrel.com](http://crateandbarrel.com)



**NATURAL WOMAN**  
"I like local photographer Anne Rowland's work because it's like bringing nature in," says Timothy. "There's so much urban sprawl, and it's a way to be reminded that nature is all around you." Twist [Glenmeade, Bluemont, April 20, 2010], price upon request, by Anne Rowland at Hemphill Gallery, 1515 14th St. NW, [hemphillfinearts.com](http://hemphillfinearts.com); [annerowland.net](http://annerowland.net)



**LIGHT IDEA**  
"This swing light is so simple and clean," says Mia. "We just put two on the side of the bed in a Georgetown bedroom, and I like how they keep the end tables free." Frankfort Articulating wall light, \$629, by AERIN at Circa Lighting, 3323 Cady's Alley NW, [ciricalighting.com](http://ciricalighting.com); [aerin.com](http://aerin.com)



**TOUGH PUFF**  
"Artist Jessica Zoob creates these beautiful watercolors that get turned into pillows. They're like paintings for your sofa," says Mia. Pillow, \$178, by Jessica Zoob at Rama Showroom, Washington Design Center, 1099 14th St. NW, [blackediton.com](http://blackediton.com); [jessicazoob.com](http://jessicazoob.com)



**BEST REST**  
"I love this platform bed for its low and slim profile," says Mia. "It'd work really well in a smaller, downtown condo." Queen bed, \$3,800, Timothy Paul, [timothypaulhome.com](http://timothypaulhome.com)

**WHAT LIES BENEATH**  
"We often frame or mount special rugs, like this Turkish tulu, for clients. They tell a story," says Timothy. Rug, \$1,500, Timothy Paul, [timothypaulhome.com](http://timothypaulhome.com)