

Surface Appeal

The best wall treatments don't fade into the background, but make a room a work of art



1 Exotic 18th-century frescoes conjure a dramatic tone in one of the living areas of Villa Le Rose, the 15th-century Tuscan estate of luxury-goods scion Leonardo Ferragamo and his wife, Maria Beatrice; Francesca Garagnani Poccianti and Carlo Ludovico Poccianti of Archflorence decorated the interiors, and the sofa and armchairs date from the 1700s.

2 Hung horizontally, Clarence House's Large Stripe wallpaper brings bold panache to the guest bathroom of a minimalist Manhattan loft by architect Steven Learner; white tile and towels offset the graphic treatment. **3** In the Marrakech home of expat Americans Caitlin and Samuel Dowe-Sandes, a guest room is sheathed in handmade tiles bedecked with winsome coral branches by Popham Design, the couple's line of encaustic-cement surfaces; Egyptian-cotton linens from the Frette Hotel Collection adorn the bed. **4** Mirrored tile lends a disco groove to a powder room designed by architect Joe Serrins for a Miami family; the custom-made walnut-root counter features stainless-steel sink fittings by Lefroy Brooks. **HELEN YUN**

