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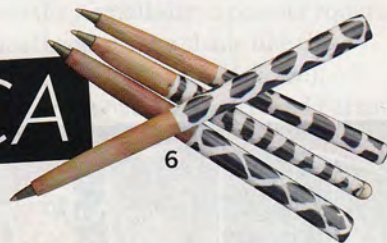
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SHARES HER VANCOUVER HOME**



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OUT OF AFRICA

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The inky, earthy colours of tribal textiles like Kuba cloth and mudcloth still conjure the organic palette of equatorial Africa. But while these ancient fabrics were once used as headdresses and upholstery for regal thrones, their geometric patterns are now enjoying a second act, outfitting Donna Karan models and inspiring desk accessories and cabinet pulls. The Kenya rug from Ralph Lauren Home is hand-knotted from hemp and jute fibres in shades of savanna gold and African mahogany. An organic cotton tote bag handmade in Mali is chic enough for the urban jungle. And Kuba cloth pillows give living rooms the exotic allure of a tented camp. You can almost taste the clover-spiked Swahili tea and hear the monkeys calling high up in the trees.

- 1. Clothing, Donna Karan. 2. Pillow, Snob.
- 3. Kenya rug, Ralph Lauren Home. 4. Pillow, Found.
- 5. Chair, Jayson Home. 6. Cow bone pens, Swahili African Modern. 7. Bench, Absolutely Inc. 8. Zig Zag Noir bag, Proud Mary Textiles. 9. Rwanda basket, Snob. 10. Kuba hardware, Du Verre.