



Lady Sings the Blues

When Pablo Picasso painted through his legendary blue period, the somber images bore witness to an artist who obviously had a right to sing the blues. Fast-forward to the present, as Kate Korten finds herself immersed in a blue mood of her own, working on the Pulse series for Design Origins, the custom-pattern hospitality division of **Shaw Industries**.

But put away your handkerchief—you'll find no melancholy dripping from Korten's palette. Instead, her designs land somewhere between reimagined primitive and crisp modern. Organic shapes intertwine, while the tonal exchange between multiple blues

delivers an illusion of movement.

The full Pulse range consists of four rugs, four medallions, 22 fields, and 10 borders. All have nylon facing and polypropylene backing, and they're available as dye-injection prints or "computer yarn placement" tufted products. The latter not only utilize Shaw's Eco Solution Q fiber, with its 25 percent recycled content, but also come with a 10-year warranty that the carpet will retain at least 90 percent of its pile.

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