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Greener fabric

KnollTextiles' latest collection includes three upholstery fabrics that are both environmentally friendly and high performance. Legend, Fable and Lore are made of Crypton Green, which KnollTextiles is using for the first time, although it has used Crypton in the past. This new fabric system uses post-consumer recycled polyester with optimized chemistry for reduced environmental impact and



greater human safety. Crypton Green provides the same moisture, stain, odour and bacteria resistance as Crypton, but with an added guarantee that each ingredient has low VOC emissions.

Legend, the largest of the three patterns, is a modern take on traditional plaid; designed by Dorothy Cosonas, it incorporates six colours,

as opposed to the more typical three or four. Fable, also designed by Cosonas, is a medium-scale leaf and vine, inspired by the work of French abstract painter Sonia Delaunay; reading like an organic stripe, the fabric uses a space dyed yarn, which lends subtle colour shading to the pattern. Lore, the textured companion pattern, uses the same space dyed yarn as Fable; here the variations in colour are more apparent and evocative of a natural grass-cloth. Each fabric comes in nine clean colourways.

Wood for good

British Columbia-based Durante Furniture has just introduced the Terra series of outdoor furniture, designed by Jeffrey Braun. Terra makes use of rich, durable machiche wood harvested from sustainable forests in Mexico, Belize and Guatemala – which helps to support well-managed forest practices, and in turn creates income for those who harvest the logs. Villages now have hope, along with running water. Thanks to recently opened sawmills, eight reserve communities in Central America will soon be provided with electricity and other advances. Says Ana Centeno, a member of the Carmelita co-operative in Belize, "There are now more possibilities for our children."



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