

Crazy for Quatrefoils

The evolution of trendspotting through the eyes of two obsessed editors.

Our current observation obsession started when an ad for Van Cleef & Arpel's latest jewelry line, Alhambra, caught our eye in the January issues of the fashion mags. A few weeks later, it was the Chinoiserie bed in an Anthropologie catalog. Hmm, this interesting cloverlike symbol is popping up in homes and fashion simultaneously. What is this shape? Where is it from? Next, we noticed it in the chain of the (coincidentally named) Jayne pendant light. Three's a trend. Our wheels were set in motion.



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After perusing six books on Islamic and Gothic architecture, plus Wikipedia-ing and Googling to no avail, we called an expert. Local interior designer David Heide (Allied Member ASID and AIA Associate) told us right away that it was a quatrefoil—a four-leaf clover-like shape common in Moorish and Gothic architecture. Although the symbol has been in use for ages, it has a contemporary feel—not quite a clover, not really a flower, but too soft and curvy to be called geometric. In its current renderings, the shape has become new and fresh, yet somehow Old World and exotic. We love it.

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1 A bright yellow and cream Bev Hisey rug—with an oversized quatrefoil pattern—was featured on the cover of the April/May issue of *Blueprint*. Available at bevhisey.com

2 We adore the retro feel of this Jayne pendant lamp by Shine Everyday. The chain, shown here in brushed gold, is also available in multicolor. Available through *ID Inside Design*, 211 N. 1st St, Mpls, 612-317-0004

3 Reese Witherspoon has been featured on the pages of *Us Weekly* on several occasions sporting Van Cleef & Arpel's vintage Alhambra necklace, worn with jeans and a T-shirt. Shown here in mother-of-pearl. \$3,700. Available at vancleefandarpels.com

4 Set on a simple leather rope, we found this quatrefoil necklace at Patina. It's a simple and inexpensive way to embrace the trend. \$14.95. Five metro locations, including 1009 Franklin Ave. W., Mpls, 612-872-0880, patinastores.com

5 East meets West in the Chinoiserie bed in whitewashed aluminum from Anthropologie. \$1,898-\$1,998. 4999 France Ave. S., Mpls, 612-285-9164; The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes, Maple Grove, 763-416-1447, anthropologie.com