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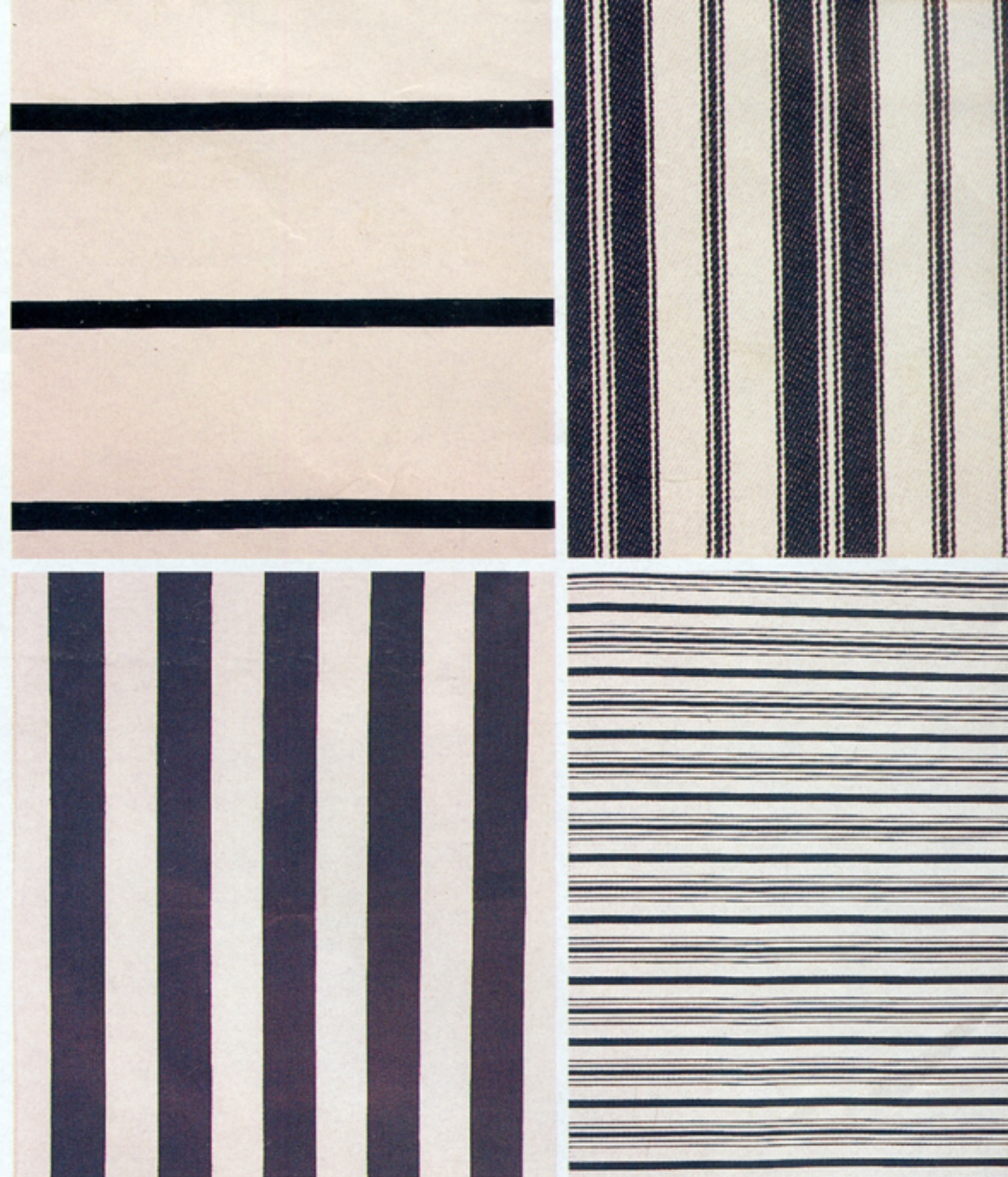
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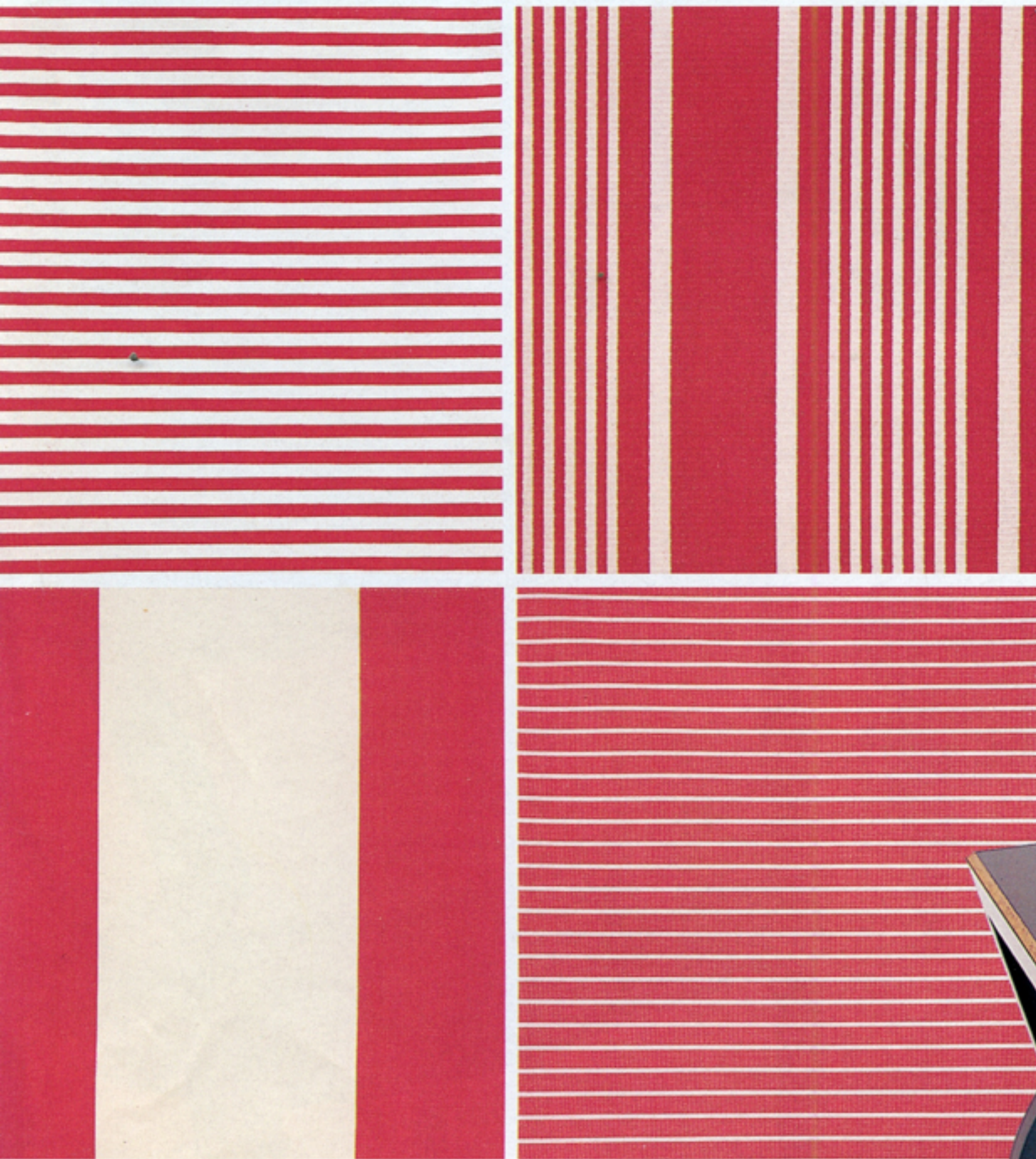
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WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND RED ALL OVER? THE BRANCA LOOK

Pick it and stick with it," Alessandra Branca says. Her coach house's color scheme—red, black, and white—proves the designer's wisdom. An edited palette allows her to superimpose pattern on classical form, creating a look that is layered but crisp. Red matches her exuberance. "Black is as neutral as white," she adds. "Even in a pale room, you need a touch of it to give the room depth and set off the other colors. That's why I love japaning, metal hardware, and lacquer. Black accents are like jewelry for the architecture." At Atelier Branca, her sensible chic is for sale to the public. The showroom features many pieces that decorate her home: custom furniture, botanical paintings, painted porcelain, and antiques. Branca also features work by Jansen and Bagues. Here, we've gathered fabric and furnishings that share her spirit.



black and white stripes These patterns satisfy twinned desires for order and variety. Clockwise from top left: Nya Nordiska's Teso (railroaded—turned on its side), at Randolph & Hein; Sconsett Stripe, by Diamond & Baratta, from Lee Jofa; Albert Hadley's Zina Stripe (railroaded), at Hinson and Company; Antibes glazed cotton, from Rose Cumming, Ltd.



▶ Suzanne B. Allen & Co. LLC's Mayfair Bamboo Double Tray table in distressed red lacquer with gold edging, available through Christopher Norman, Inc., features removable trays.

▼ Clean lines distinguish the glossy Balmain coffee table, shown in dark cherry with gold leaf finish, available through Niermann Weeks.



red and white stripes Vertical stripes make a room or an object look taller; horizontal stripes can lengthen a hallway. Clockwise from top left: Nya Nordiska's Samba (railroaded), from Randolph & Hein; Pierre Frey's Pornic, at Donghia; Nya Nordiska's Bellini (railroaded), Randolph & Hein; Manuel Canovas's Georgica, through Cowtan & Tout.

