

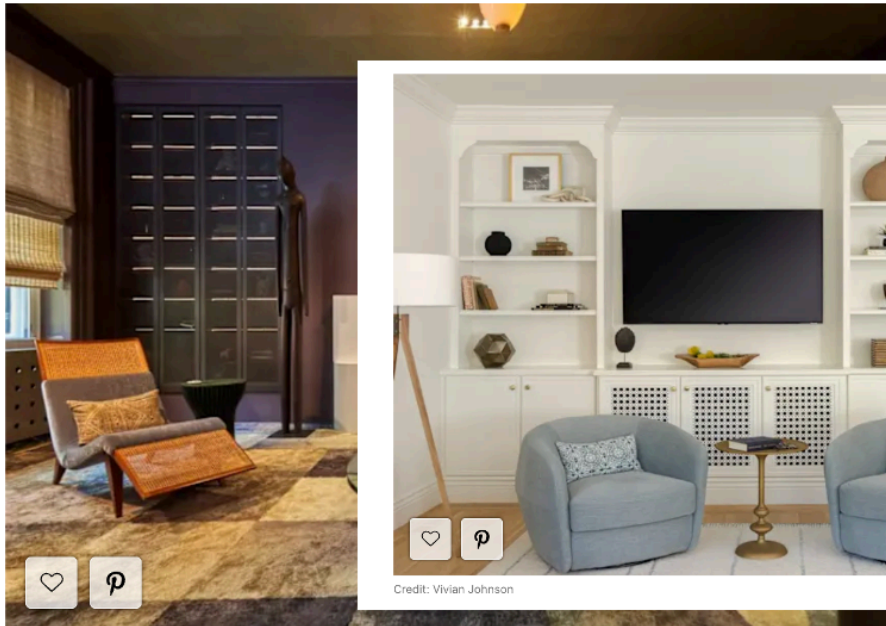
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The Brilliant Way to Make a Bookshelf or Kitchen Cabinet Look 3x More Luxe



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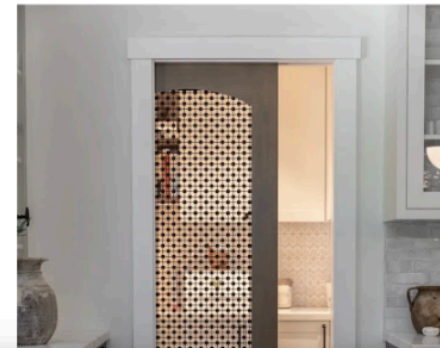


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Looking for a striking, style-forward way to **jazz up a bookshelf** or transform accent cabinetry in your space? Go ahead and give perforated metal a try. This material is on the rise for 2026, according to 30% of the interior designers who completed Apartment Therapy's recent **The State of Home Design survey**.

I'm already a big fan of this look. One of the main things that sold me on my current apartment was that it had a large, dark, perforated metal detail it adds to this a



Annie Kantor, the founder of **Modern Metal**, is all for thinking outside the box when it comes to perforated metal applications. "What makes it exciting is how versatile it can be," she says. "Patterns, textures, and finishes can completely change how a piece feels in a space, whether it's a room divider, a ceiling detail, or even a staircase."

Recently, a client contacted Kantor requesting a perforated metal staircase. "It feels perfectly on pulse with this trend," she adds. Keep an eye out for other interesting applications, because this material is about to take over your feeds.



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