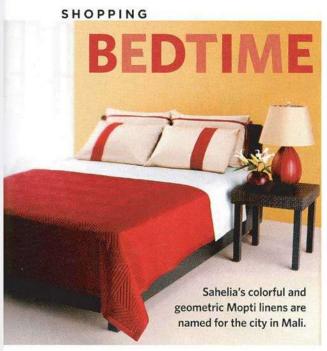


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Born in Senegal, West Africa, educated in France and armed with a Harvard business degree—and an apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side—Fatim Thiam is fast on her way to becoming the domestic diva of luxury. Sensing a lack of exoticism in the top

end of the bed-linen market, Thiam has created Sahelia: sensual yet eminently functional Egyptian cotton extravagances—sheets, shams, pillowcases, duvet covers and coverlets—that marry ancient African visual arts to the 21st century. Sahelia linens are made in Italy, but available in New York at Les Migrateurs (188 Duane St. between Greenwich and Hudson streets, 212-966-8208).—F.L.