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## SIGNAGE

### To Darken Someone's Doorstep, or Perhaps Your Own

What's nice about existential longing is its one-size-fits-all quality — how universal it is and how elastic it can be. Case in point: Linda Hesh's Desolation Doorknob Hangers, little flags of ambiguous dread or sorrow that began life as a public art project, but can now be purchased to decorate your home inside or out.

Ms. Hesh, an artist who lives in Hollins Hill, Va., printed signs with phrases like "I feel so lost" and

"I want what we had," above, and hung them on doorknobs in a Washington neighborhood (14th Street between P and V Streets), photographing the results for a recent public art project and an installation at her Web site, [lindaesh.com/gallery](http://lindaesh.com/gallery).

"I want what we had" is particularly flexible, Ms. Hesh pointed out, because "you could think it's 'I'm longing for a lover,' or 'I don't like the way my neighborhood is changing,' or 'I'm longing for

the government of long ago.'" Those who replicate the project in their own neighborhoods (or at work) can post pictures at Ms. Hesh's online gallery.

A set of eight signs is \$25 (with shipping) at [heshproducts.com](http://heshproducts.com), or \$22 at the New Museum Store, 235 Bowery (Prince Street), (212) 219-1222.

PENELOPE GREEN

## EXHIBITIONS

### The Womb Chair in the Spotlight

The first exhibition devoted solely to the furniture of Eero Saarinen, the architect and designer known for organically shaped pieces like the 1948 Womb chair and sofa, below, and the 1957 Tulip pedestal tables and chairs, is currently at the Museum of Design Atlanta. The show includes nearly all the furniture Saarinen designed between 1931 and 1958, represented in drawings, photographs of historic installations, vintage pieces from the Knoll Museum in Pennsylvania and the Cranbrook Art Museum in Michigan and pieces still in production. "The Furniture of Eero Saarinen: Designs for Everyday Living" continues through May 5 at 285 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta; (404) 979-6455.

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## ARCHITECTURE

### An Instant Room, Shipped Flat

Starting today, the Kithaus, an instant freestanding room manufactured by a Southern California company of the same name, is available through Design Within Reach. The 9-by-13-foot aluminum structure, above, has a clean, modern look, with decking, louvers, canopies and interior finishes made of sustainably harvested ipe. Insulated and wired for electricity, it ships flat in four to six weeks, ready to be assembled for any number of uses.

A range of furniture kits make it easy to turn the Kithaus into an office (\$18,427), a pool house (\$7,345, available in March), or a bedroom or dining pavilion (available this summer and fall). The Kithaus is \$44,900, or \$29,500 for a pared-down version without louvers, canopies or decking. Information is at (415) 676-6648 or [www.dwr.com/kithaus](http://www.dwr.com/kithaus).

ARIC CHEN



## WALLPAPER

### Getting Your House Dressed for Your Party

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, Given Campbell, a designer based in Tampa, Fla., has a wallpaper pattern that will turn your home into a declaration of party loyalty. Ms. Campbell's new Election Wallpaper comes in two patterns, Democrat Donkey and G.O.P. Elephant, both of which would look smashing in a White House powder room. "I care about the issues — the war, education, health care," Ms. Campbell said. "And you can't help but get excited about this election, so I felt obligated to do something." The wallcovering is available only through Nov. 4, for \$80 per roll, half Ms. Campbell's usual price; for an extra \$150, independents can choose custom colors. Information: (866) 681-7014 or [giventcampbell.com](http://giventcampbell.com).

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