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## The writing on the wall

Instead of using florals or stripes, designers are borrowing from the dictionary—drawing on type to create graphic patterns that really make a statement.

- 1 | Dominic Wilcox's rubber stamps say the hard stuff for you, like "I sincerely apologise for all the trouble I've caused." (\$35 each; at Areaware, 212-226-5155)
- 2 | The SAT definitions on this shower curtain offer a chance for surreptitious study. (\$26; urbanoutfitters.com)
- 3 | This red (or ruby?) pillow by Dermond Peterson sports synonyms for the crimson hue. (\$185, 20 by 20 inches; hudsonboston.com)
- 4 Do as these hooks suggest and sling coats over their tops, which angle away from the wall. (\$68 for the set, 5 by 8 inches each; lekkerhome.com)
- 5 | Inspired by classic and modern typefaces, these porcelain napkin rings depict characters from A to Z. (\$10 each; dinner-ware.com)
- 6 | Snow White's stepmother would love this mirror, with such saucy affirmations as, "What an elegant, unique creature you are!" (\$199, 18 by 18 inches; gnr8.biz)
- 7 | John Derian based this alphabet tray on 1800s penmanship samplers. (\$13, 9 by 14 inches; target.com)
- 8 | Create a Pop Art monogram or mini message with Kravet's priceybut sexy—chrome tables. (\$1,495 each, 18 inches high; designpro@ ddbuilding.com for details)
- 9 | Framed archival prints of alphabets and a rebus exhibit a sweet elegance. (\$84 for 8 by 11 inches; \$106 each for 11 by 15 and 13 by 15 inches; at Smith & Co., 415-621-8608)
- 10 | Give bulletin boards an aristocratic edge with resin pushpins that resemble wax seals. (\$16; ballarddesigns.com)
- 11 | Don't apologize for your morning vice—flaunt it with naughty hand-painted vintage china. (Starting at \$165 for set of 7, styles vary; trixiedelicious.etsy.com)





