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STYLE SAVVY

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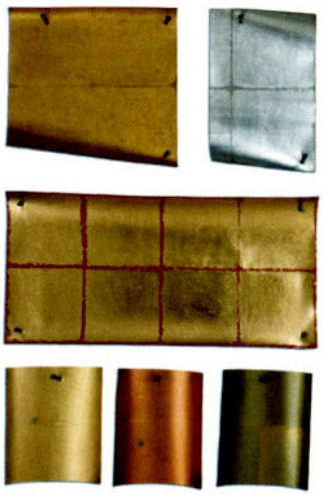
Boring. Weak. Blah. If that's what you think of your walls, not so fast. Besides hanging art or playing with lighting, you can kick it up a notch with these interesting alternatives to funkify your walls.

Something Fishy

Forget zoning out to the telly. AquaVista 500, a wall-mounted framed aquarium, splashes life into any room. The patented design not only creates an instant focal point and conversation piece, but serves as a ritzy home for tropical freshwater fish. Interchangeable frames and 3D backgrounds make this art easy to match with interior décors. Controlled by computer panel. www.aquavistainc.com

Cities of Gold

Fashion runways aren't the only place metallic is making an appearance this season. Cities of Gold—a recently launched collection by Phillip Jeffries—is made of gold-, copper- and silver-colored leaf squares applied to Mylar backing. These wall coverings work well for accent walls or an entire room, it just depends how flashy your taste is. New colors include silk road, linen state of mind and Madagascar. Other progressive wall coverings by Phillip Jeffries: paperweaves, arrowroots, bamboo and corks, silks, linen and stone. www.phillipjeffries.com