DESIGN AWARDS 2009

Star power
Our annual sweep of shining lights and bright sparks
CLOUDS FORMATION
The Bauouciea's 'two-
tens' 'Clouds' tiles come
in a choice of wool, from
£315 for eight; or Trevira
CS, from £235 for eight
in various colours.
Best use of textiles

‘Clouds’ by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, for Kvadrat

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This award goes to two of our favourite Parisians, Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, for their new collaboration with Danish textile manufacturer Kvadrat, a funny-shaped, foldable fabric ‘thing’. As a single element, ‘Clouds’ won’t do much. But given a pile of them and, like an architect faced with Lego bricks, the urge is to build. The pieces connect to each other with a special rubber band, resulting in any number of wondrous textile forms. This is the second tile system the Bouroullec have designed for Kvadrat. While the first, ‘North Tiles’, found much success in the contract market, ‘Clouds’ has a simpler construction and matching price tag, making it more suitable for the home. We’re often accused of having our collective head in the clouds, but now we can take it as a compliment. ★

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