



## Stefano Ricci's silk factory weaves new dreams

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FLORENCE — In November 2025, a new fabric design emerged from the historic archive of the Antico Setificio Fiorentino in Florence's ancient San Frediano quarter. The *broccatella Folia*, a pattern whose origins lie centuries deep in Florentine textile tradition, was announced to the world via social media, accompanied by a simple declaration that this was still, as it had been since 1786, a "*fabbrica dei sogni*": a factory of dreams. For a workshop that produces silk damasks and lampassi on 18th-century semi-mechanical looms, using a warping machine built on a design by Leonardo da Vinci, the description is not hyperbole. It is a statement of operating philosophy.

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