

# Perfectly Imperfect

The hottest debuts at High Point Market this season embrace the beauty in imperfections.

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Though the concept of wabi-sabi has been around for centuries, its principles are being applied to contemporary designs in all sorts of imaginative ways. The Japanese philosophy, which loosely translates to “flawed beauty,” draws inspiration from the unruly organic motifs found in nature and favors imbalance over perfection. In today’s marketplace, we’re seeing the wabi-sabi aesthetic expressed in everything from asymmetrical silhouettes and amorphous shapes to cracked, kintsugi-style patterns—including these Spring Market finds that embrace imperfection without sacrificing style.

1. Composed of sand-casted iron, the base of the *Monterey table* by **Studio A Home** mimics the appearance of gnarled tree branches and boasts a handpainted finish.
2. A sliver of bronze glass gives the two-toned *Torino mirror* by Jay Jeffers for **Arteriors** a dash of asymmetric edge.
3. The graphic, earth-toned pattern in this rug from **Unique Loom**’s *Tucson* collection is meant to mimic the dried, cracked sands of the Southwest desert landscapes.
4. The randomly placed oval cutouts in **Bungalow 5**’s shapely *Laramie vase* allow for an endless array of inventive floral arrangements.
5. Don’t let the leaning frame of **Kenneth Cobonpue**’s *Lolah capsule* fool you—it offers plenty of support. Constructed of thin, handbent rattan strips, this weather-resistant stunner comes equipped with a deep, rounded seat cushion and three plush pillows that can be upholstered in an assortment of outdoor-friendly fabrics.
6. **Planum Furniture**’s *Pebble nesting tables* can be displayed in a variety of configurations to forge a one-of-a-kind coffee table display that you can easily switch up on the fly.
7. The swirling golden yellow accents in the *PRS28 rug* by **Noursion** evoke the fragmented lines and metallic details of kintsugi joinery.
8. Like jewelry for your living room, the *Gemstone table* by Barbara Berry for **Baker Furniture** is crafted from Murano glass and features an uneven faceted surface for added oomph.
9. Handblown by European artisans, the *Sphere bud vase* by Bria Hammel for **EtúHome** is designed to sit slightly askew on a smooth surface.
10. Crafted in solid wheat bamboo, the *Rosemary coffee table* by **Greenington Fine Bamboo Furniture** boasts a curvy, oval-shaped top and a clean-lined, asymmetrical base for a touch of contrast.
11. A squiggly decor piece with a small, space-savvy twist, the *Rosario wall hook* by **Accent Decor** can be used to hang out-the-door essentials in a cramped entryway.
12. The *Mozambique triptych* by **Zoe Bios Creative** features an off-center abstract motif and comes in your choice of emerald green or blue.

