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reveal the cultural connections between interior design and the actual landscape. The author shows how industrial production allowed experimentation with stylized and geometric patterns, which superseded more realistic panoramas, as the 20th-century embraced the modern.

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