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The grand entry is a space common to contemporary homes, but the folty scale can make it difficult to decorate references to the result of the result in frequent to first impressions. "An entry," says Aumont, "should be not just a passage but a destination." Here she creates a space worth lingering, in, first by furnishing it with a settee of her own design surrounded by six enirrored screens and a Boydre-inspired coffere table. Then she shifts the focal point to human cade by placing a row of small artworks at eye level on the stains and adding a frieze of welcome messages in script.

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