Words from French, German, and Spanish

Many English words are derived from other languages. These words often include spelling patterns from those languages.

Common Indicators of French Origin
et pronounced /ã/: ricochet
ette ending: vinaigrette, brunette
ue ending: fondue

Common Indicators of German Origin
ie pronounced /ǣ/: wiener
ei pronounced /ī/: stein
sch pronounced /ʃ/: schnauzer
letter patterns chs: dachshund

Common Indicators of Spanish Origin
double consonants ll and rr: tortilla, burrito
final vowel o or a: burro, rumba