

# STYLE SOURCEBOOK

WHETHER YOU'RE IN THE MARKET FOR SOFAS OR SINKS, CONSULT OUR CHEAT SHEET TO FIND THE BEST MODERN DESIGN COMPANIES ACROSS THE GLOBE.

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## FURNITURE

### AZUCENA

A gypsy in Verdi's *Il Trovatore* inspired the name of this Milanese brand. And like the opera, Azucena's products exude romance through sultry color and rich materials such as mahogany and leather. Its elegant Ambrosianum chair, for instance, is covered in green wool velvet and has the high, arched back of a throne. [azucena.it](http://azucena.it)

### BDDW

Founder Tyler Hays designs all of this New York brand's rustic-modern products. Highlights include a rough-cut walnut-slab coffee table and a leather writing desk—both of which look even better accessorized with BDDW's folk-inspired ceramic accessories. [bddw.com](http://bddw.com)

### BLU DOT

In 1997, sculptor John Christakos and architects Maurice Blanks and Charlie Lazor were trying to furnish their first homes and were shocked by the price of modern furniture. So they started Blu Dot. At \$149, Real Good Chair, one of the company's most iconic pieces, has a steel frame and a perforated seat and ships flat. [bludot.com](http://bludot.com)

### BOCONCEPT

Danish cabinet makers Jens Erthøj and Tage Møhlholm created BoConcept's signature aesthetic: clean lines, subdued colors, and smart features. The Granville coffee table, for example, looks unassuming from the outside but opens effortlessly to reveal a hidden storage compartment. [boconcept.com](http://boconcept.com)

### CAPPELLINI

This Italian manufacturer's products are contemporary but never off-putting. Take the Superoblong series designed by Jasper Morrison. The solid-colored cushions are modular and clean but just stuffed enough to invite some serious napping. [cappellini.it/en](http://cappellini.it/en)

### COLLAGE MILANO

This Milan-based company shies away from trends and sticks to what it does best: simple-yet-beautiful chairs (like the colorful bent-birch Drum) and contemporary tables (like the masonite and red-lacquer Maso). [collagemilano.com](http://collagemilano.com)

### DUFFY LONDON

Ingenious, gravity-defying tables are designer Christopher Duffy's specialty—a coffee table that seems to be supported by balloons (Up Balloon) and a dining set with suspended powder-coated steel chair swings surrounding an oak or walnut table. [duffylondon.com](http://duffylondon.com)

### EDRA

Here you'll find all kinds of showstopping pieces, including the Boa, a sofa made of woven, velvet-covered tubes, and Gilda B, a handmade polycarbonate chair that looks like it's melting into its tapered wooden legs. [edra.com](http://edra.com)

### ERBA

This Italian brand is known for its upholstered pieces in subdued color palettes. Its modular sofas and angular chaise longues effortlessly marry classic comfort with artful edginess. [erballitalia.it](http://erballitalia.it)

### FLEXFORM

Started by the Galimberti brothers 50 years ago, Flexform has tables, bookcases, sofas, and chairs—made using everything from marble to suede—that retain at least a hint of midcentury style. [flexform.it](http://flexform.it)

### GLAS ITALIA

As its name implies, this brand specializes in beautiful glass furniture. The side tables in the Shimmer collection are statement pieces constructed of multicolored sheets with an iridescent effect. [glasitalia.com](http://glasitalia.com)

### HENGE

By using solar energy and avoiding harmful chemicals, Henge makes furniture and accessories that are sustainable as well as intricate. With its raw natural materials and earthy colorways, the collection has a luxe, masculine vibe. [henge07.com](http://henge07.com)

### JOY DE ROHAN CHABOT

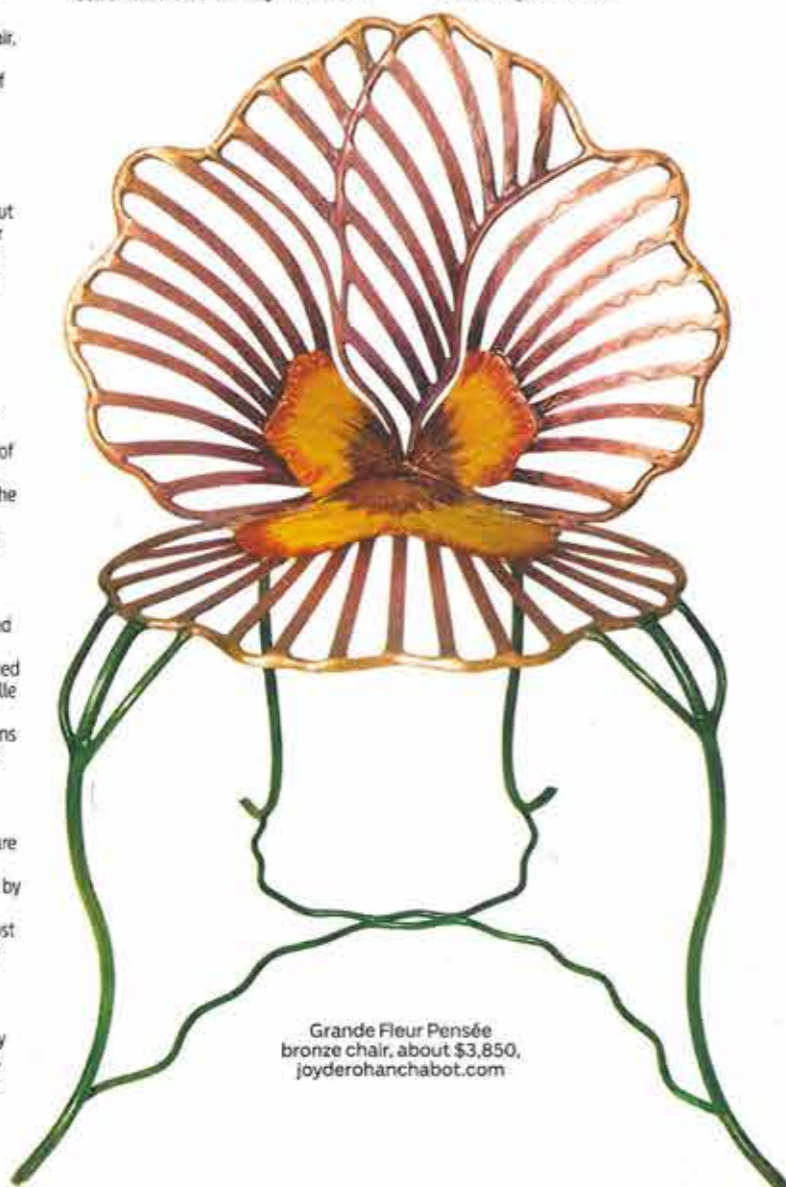
This Parisian designer's metal creations are inspired by her love of nature—a table with a base of butterflies, a bench sporting a back of flowers. Her works are impressively intricate and almost too pretty to use. [joyderohanchabot.com](http://joyderohanchabot.com)

### KELLY BEHUN STUDIO

Pop-art designs, creative silhouettes, and optical illusions set New Yorker Kelly Behun apart. Her Pour side table looks as if black and white paint spilled over a glass stool, while the Neo Laminati Chair No. 34 is made up of so many lines and stripes that it seems to take on a different shape from every angle. [kellybehun.com](http://kellybehun.com)

### MADE IN RATIO

Brodie Neill, creative director of this London brand, loves to bend seemingly stiff materials into fluid forms. Cowrie is a curved wooden chair inspired by a seashell. Pleat is a smooth white bench with folded ends made out of a single piece of Corian. [madeinratio.com](http://madeinratio.com)



Grande Fleur Pensée bronze chair, about \$3,850, [joyderohanchabot.com](http://joyderohanchabot.com)

### MERITALIA

The Blobina chair—a plush cushion atop a thermoplastic base, essentially a comfortable jelly bean—is a perfect example of Meritalia's quirky spirit. Another impressive piece is Montanara—a sofa that resembles a mountain range, complete with waterfall-print cushions and mossy armrests. [meritalia.it](http://meritalia.it)

### MOROSO

This artisanal Italian brand produces one-of-a-kind items ranging from geometric bookshelves to yellow garden benches. Alessandra, for instance, a colorful armchair designed by Javier Mariscal, has a curvy, asymmetrical backrest and color-blocked upholstery. [moroso.it](http://moroso.it)

### OPINION CIATTI

This family-owned company's new collection, #FollowYourRoots, draws inspiration from medieval times and contains modern versions of pieces you might see on *Game of Thrones*. [opinionciatti.com](http://opinionciatti.com)

### POLTRONA FRAU

This century-old manufacturer is most famous for its impeccable leather products. The soft Antohn couch, a popular style, comes in three sizes, dozens of colors, and would look as natural in a bachelor pad as it would in a family room. [poltronafrau.com](http://poltronafrau.com)

### PORADA

Though it's best known for wooden chairs, this company now designs pieces for the whole house. Quality carpentry is still its signature: Zeus is a walnut bookcase with uneven shelves like tree branches. Hugo is an ash desk with a subtle curve. [porada.it/en](http://porada.it/en)

### PORRO

This Italian brand thrives on creating innovative furniture like its futuristic Ellipse Table, two half-circles made of Dulver (a 100-percent-recyclable material) balancing on each other. [porro.com](http://porro.com)

### PROMEMORIA

Founded in nineteenth-century Italy, Promemoria delivers flawless handcrafted designs—everything from timeless leather armchairs to regal-looking beds to a clever revolving bookcase. [promemoria.com](http://promemoria.com)

### RIFLESSI

Located near Italy's Adriatic Coast, Riflessi specializes in furniture sculpture that looks simple but reveals exquisite detail at closer look. The legs on its

Shanghai Table, for instance, are made of coated steel and connected to the tabletop in what looks like a twisted pile of planks. [riflessi.eu](http://riflessi.eu)

### ROCHE BOBOIS

This French establishment produces avant-garde furniture for every taste. The Mayflower armchair features six plush "petals" (in ten color options) that meet in the center to form a seat. [roche-bobois.com](http://roche-bobois.com)

### YAMAKAWA RATTAN

Rattan isn't necessarily a material you'd associate with modernism, but this Japanese brand has figured out how to make it cool. The stunning Wrap couch, for example, has a thick rectangular cushion, tubular metal legs, and a tightly woven and folded rattan backrest. [yamakawa-rattan.com](http://yamakawa-rattan.com)

## LIGHTING

### ARTEMIDE

Artemide believes that lamps do more than help us see; they're also companions. Its charming designs have a lifelike—and sometimes otherworldly—quality, with squiggly lines, blobs, and spindles. [artemidestore.com](http://artemidestore.com)

### CINI & NILS

Innovative sculptural lights are the focus of this Milanese company. The Forma series incorporates a continuous illuminated steel ribbon, and the Acqua pendant lamp is a cluster of suspended conchlike bulbs. [ciniinils.com](http://ciniinils.com)

### DIX HEURES DIX

Each light from this French brand is designed with a story in mind. Memoire is a lamp with a white silk-screen surface that resembles a large upright feather. And the Lune collection mimics the moon, with white stretch fabric and gray felt shades over warm LED lighting. [dixheuresdix.com](http://dixheuresdix.com)

### GIOPATO & COOMBS

Husband and wife Christopher Coombs and Cristiana Giopato come from graphic design and architecture backgrounds, so it seems fitting that their products are functional and flawless. The ethereal "Bolle" blown-glass lamp fitted with a brass lightbulb

can be easily mistaken for a cluster of real soap bubbles. [giopato-coombs.com](http://giopato-coombs.com)

### LUCEPLAN

With the motto "Made in Light," it's no wonder Luceplan's products look like they were made from sunbeams. Blow, for example, is a fan that features translucent blades so that the lights above it can shine through and make the fan itself glow. Or consider Mesh—a suspended lamp made of a web of round bulbs. [luceplanstore.com](http://luceplanstore.com)

### MASIERO GROUP

Ornate crystal chandeliers and sleek, contemporary design might seem hard to reconcile, but this Italian manufacturer does it perfectly. The Eclettica collection offers modern variations on design classics, such as Botero—a chandelier made of white polyurethane foam and exposed bulbs. [masierogroup.com](http://masierogroup.com)

### MICHAEL ANASTASSIADES

This London designer's signature globe, oval, and teardrop lamps, chandeliers, and sconces are made with an opaque glass called opaline. Tip of the Tongue, an orb-like table light, is placed playfully off-center on its brass base. [michaelanastassiades.com](http://michaelanastassiades.com)

### MIYAKE DESIGN STUDIO

The In-Ei Issey Miyake collection is reminiscent of traditional Japanese origami, but instead of paper, the lampshades are made from recycled polyester fibers. With shapes like conch shells and lopsided cubes, each piece has a distinct personality. [mds.isseymiyake.com](http://mds.isseymiyake.com)

### OLUCE

The oldest active Italian lighting company, Oluce is best known for its iconic mushroom-shaped Atollo lamp, designed by Vico Magistretti in 1979. The Colombo 281 table lamp, created in 1962, is a curved piece of acrylic that glows from end to end. Its more recent Stone of Glass designs resemble rocks. [oluce.com](http://oluce.com)

### SIGMA L2

Originally a ceramics factory, Florence-based Sigma L2 is famous for lighting with a fine-art quality. Brass, crystal, wood, stone, resin, and leather are occasionally used to add zip to fixtures. [sigma2.it](http://sigma2.it)

### SLAMP

By mixing metal powders into a polycarbonate plastic to create a colorful, soap-bubble effect, Slamp produces sculptural cloudlike lamps that are truly one of a kind. [slamp.com](http://slamp.com)

### VENINI

Look no further for beautiful Murano glass lamps. The 1970 Esprit light series is a spheric explosion of flowers and stars, while the more minimalist Balloton Lamp is a subdued globe that sits right on the counter. [venini.com](http://venini.com)

## KITCHEN APPLIANCES

### AGA

The compact double-oven AGA range, which is made largely of cast iron and has an almost old-fashioned vibe, was created by Nobel laureate Gustaf Dalen. Along with the Coca-Cola bottle and the VW Beetle, it was named one of the most iconic designs of the twentieth century. [agamarvel.com](http://agamarvel.com)

### BOFFI

Kitchen specialists for more than 80 years, this Italian design company is best known for stunning cabinet systems, but it also manufactures gorgeous range hoods made of glass or steel. Also impressive: its sleek stainless-steel faucet and minimalist fire extinguisher. [boffi.com](http://boffi.com)

### FALMEC

Focused solely on range hoods, this innovative brand has found clever ways to combine form and functionality. The Mirabilia collection, in particular, artfully marries glass and steel with ambient LED lighting and sound-absorbing panels. [falmeccnorthamerica.com](http://falmeccnorthamerica.com)

### FISHER & PAYKEL

This New Zealand manufacturer's three kitchen lines—simply named Cook, Cool, and Clean—feature self-cleaning ovens, high-tech refrigerators, and tiny-yet-powerful drawer-based dishwashers. [fisherpaykel.com](http://fisherpaykel.com)

### GAGGENAU

The sleek wall-mounted ovens produced by this German kitchen company boast up to seventeen cooking settings and five humidity levels. What's more, these beauties are coated with the company's signature blue enamel, which makes them a cinch to clean. [gaggenau.com/us](http://gaggenau.com/us)



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