

Green design



Our resident expert Dipika Makwana takes a look at the latest trends to take the interior world by storm.

Eco Living doesn't mean you have to compromise on luxury and design. Designers have been working with different materials for centuries and there are some amazing eco products to invest in for your home and outdoor spaces.

Thinking green isn't just about improving your ecological footprint, it is about being conscious of every area of your life and the way you live it.

www.pinchdesign.com was founded in 2004, and with a 'Blueprint 100% Design, Best Newcomer Award' and the 'Design Decoration Furniture Award' behind them, it is not difficult to see why designer/founder Russell Pinch has produced a selection of stylish and functional designs for your living spaces. These products include a twig bench made from coppiced hazel that has an earthy and visual appeal and was originally commissioned for Neal's Yard. And if you are a lover of architectural design, then their alba armoire product is for you.

The inspiration for the exterior has come from mid century plasterwork. The interior storage of this product can be designed as a library, a wardrobe, and bathroom or media compartments depending on your particular needs.

Finding products for all areas of your home can be difficult but www.biomelifestyle.com makes buying your gifts easy. Gift ideas comprise of the eco camping kit that includes a solar shower, water powered alarm clock, wind up radio to the eco gardening and picnic kits. On this website there are many ways to save on the environment and your bank balance. My favourite product on the site is the coco tooth sustainable light made from coconut shell shivers. (see opposite)

Keeping things in the family and investments in antiques is very important in the green age, as well as restoration, remember it is important to take stock of what you have before you buy anything new. A reusable material such as cardboard is what the famous architect and designer, Frank Gehry used in 1972 when he created the wiggle and side chair. If you love the wiggle chair you must invest in the wiggle stool available at www.cimmermann.co.uk

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TWIG BENCH

Made from coppiced hazel
Price £1425
Available at www.pinchdesign.com



COCO TOOTH SHADE

The light combines aesthetics of naturally gathered products with the durability of modern materials to create a handmade object of beauty
www.biomelifestyle.com
Retail price £100



WIGGLE CHAIR

Retail price £485.45
Available at www.cimmermann.co.uk
tel: 01423 524777



SIDE CHAIR

Retail price £460
Available at www.cimmermann.co.uk



ALBA ARMOIRE

Whitecross white exterior
Available in a variety of interior/colour options.
Price from £4075 (dependent on interior configuration)
Available at www.pinchdesign.com