

LONDON AT LARGE

Startling new talent and long-revered British and international names provide plenty of reasons to celebrate at the London Design Festival.

IN SEPTEMBER, LONDON played host to a design festival packed with innovative and vibrant ideas, always with a nod to age-old craftsmanship. Stylish edits of established and rising design talent popped up in a variety of locations, from an old Royal Mail sorting office to a Victorian townhouse in the heart of Soho. Vivienne Westwood crafted Cole & Son wallpaper into frocks for the grand entrance at Decorex and the worlds of fashion and interiors parted together at Smythson's newly redesigned store by Waldo Works. But what always impresses in London is the brilliance of small artisans keeping the industry alive. Here's our pick of this year's London Design Festival. >

Designjunction, a showcase of more than 100 international brands, occupied the old Royal Mail sorting office during the London Design Festival.



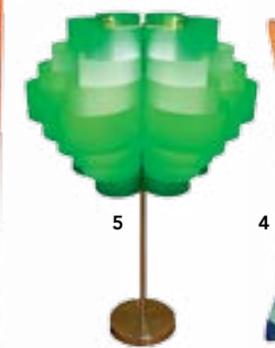
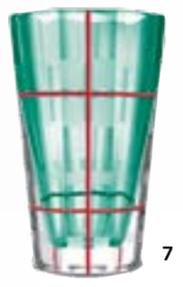
CITY LIGHTS

Designers working in steel, hand-blown glass, timber and glazed stoneware let their lights shine.

1 Willowlamp 'Protea' stainless steel, brass and ball-chain chandelier, as shown at Mint Gallery (willowlamp.com; mintshop.co.uk). 2 'Balustrade' hand-blown glass chandelier by Simon Moore for Vessel Gallery (vesselgallery.com). 3 Very Good & Proper pendant shade (verygoodandproper.co.uk). 4 Stuart Padwick 'Float' oak floor light with paper and rattan shade (stuartpadwick.co.uk). 5 The wooden 'Spotty' light from Obe & Co is three-in-one: it can rest on its side, stand up, or be suspended (www.obeandco.com). 6 Mieke Meijer 'Balance 2.0' wooden lamps, as shown at Mint Gallery (miekemeijer.nl/en). 7 Neil Conley 'Submariner' table lamps (neilconley.co.uk). 8 Tom Dixon 'Lustre' glazed stoneware pendant shades (tomdixon.net). 9 'Tatou' plastic table lamp by Patricia Urquiola for Flos (flos.com).



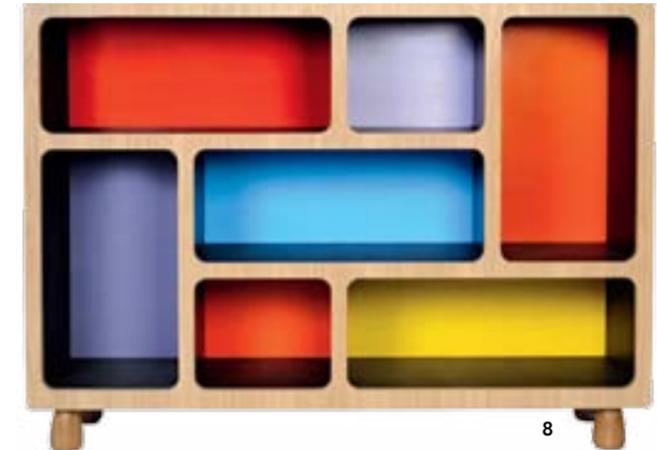
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MIGHTY BRIGHTS

Fun-loving furniture and textiles pop up everywhere in their brightly coloured guises.

1 Anthony Hartley 'Cable' laminated birch plywood and cable-tie chairs and table (anthonyhartley.com). 2 Janey Whitehorn 'Amalfi' hand-marbled knife-pleat silk lampshade (janeywhitehorn.com). 3 Herve 'Ropero' modular wardrobe (herve.com). 4 Parris Wakefield 'Bliss 2' cotton satin cushion (parriswakefield.com). 5 Sarah Turner 'Daisy' table light, handmade from recycled plastic drink bottles (sarahturner.co.uk). 6 Rescued chair in metal and fabric by Nina Tolstrup and David David for 19 Greek Street (19greekstreet.com). 7 Baccarat 'Tartan' crystal vase by Ana Varela and David Luraschi, part of the Vase-O-Rama collection (baccarat.com). 8 Coucou Manou 'Boulder' display unit in solid oak, oak-veneer birch plywood and water-based paints (coucoumanou.com). 9 Claire Anne O'Brien 'Ciséan Beag' wool and ash ottoman (claireanneobrien.com). 10 George Smith waterproof outdoor sofa (georgesmith.co.uk).

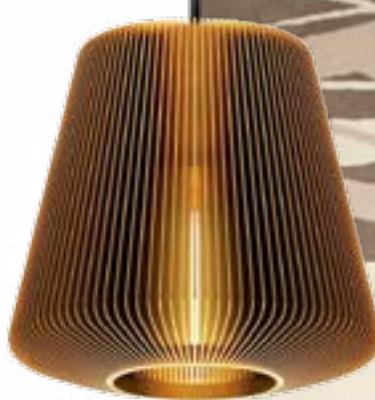




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MADE WITH LOVE

Natural and elemental materials take on new forms.

London highlights the brilliance of artisans and makers intent on keeping alive British expertise in manufacturing. **1** Desinature 'Bud' laser-cut birch plywood lamp shade (desinature.com). **2** Angus Ross 'Y' oak chair (angusross.co.uk). **3** EOQ 'Bramah' aluminium pendant light by Michael Young (eoq-design.com). **4** Alp wood and leather mirror (alp-design.co.uk). **5** Helen Yardley 'Trunks' hand-tufted wool rug, 200x290cm, in colour Alba (helenyardley.com). **6** Benjamin Hubert 'Pelt' plywood chair with solid oak frame (benjaminhubert.co.uk). **7** Simon Hasan 'Wrap' borosilicate glass and leather carafe (simonhasan.com). **8** AF Designs 'Beelzebub' cabinet in wood, copper and aluminium (af-designs.co.uk). **9** Paere Dansk 'Stealth' solid wenge desk (paeredansk.co.uk). **10** Trett Design 'Stag' American black walnut coat stand (trettdesign.co.uk). **11** Linley 'Stack-ed' oak desk by Rolf Sachs (rolfsachs.com, davidlinley.com). **12** Bethan Gray 'Brogue' leather and solid wood coffee table (grayandturner.com).



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