



## Material possession

Design innovation or just retro charm? One of the most talked about pieces at Milan this year is Moroso's 'Bouquet Chair' by Tokujin Yoshioka. The chair, with its simple chrome stand supporting a basic egg-shape shell, is nothing to get all hot and bothered about. However, apply a bouquet of fabric squares and the design world goes into freefall! Don't you just love this precious little industry? Now, stunningly simplistic, comfortable and as seventies as Slade, the piece has been reinterpreted a hundred times and will, without doubt, become the must-have credential for any worthy, modern living space.

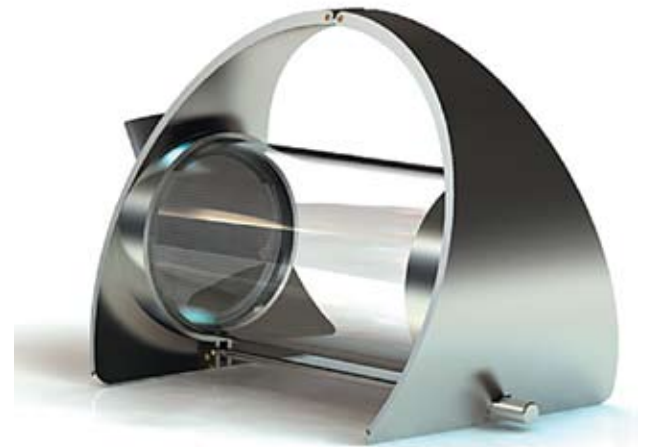
[www.moroso.it](http://www.moroso.it)



## Look at your shelf, all over the place!

It seems we've reached a point in the industry where the only way to design bookcases is to deconstruct and deform! If it is a rule then Swedish firm Smånsk have rigorously obeyed. Keeping things strictly Scandy, the young designers have utilized Lego-type building blocks to achieve 'skew-wiff' shelf appeal. The Barbie pink should ensure a stomping-fit of demand from every nine-year-old girl this side of Milan. Perhaps one for Ikea?

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## Leaf it out!

We've seen some pretty cool teapot designs over recent years, but not one that articulates the way we brew. Sorapot stylishly frames the process of tea leaves unfurling as they steep, taking any guesswork out of the brew time process. Forget 2000 perforations; for that perfect cuppa, with a look that knocks you dead, it has to be Sorapot.

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## Reefer madness



The poor smoker, banished from most modern functions and gatherings, gets a friendly bump up the social-scale from Constantin Boym. With large communal ashtrays at the dinner table now a thing of the past, the Strata, delicately fashioned in crystal, is a private mini-ashtray. Its unobtrusive toy size cleverly allows the user to fade behind a social smoke screen, and spares other guests from suffering the visual obscenity of the old 'dog-end-dip' bowl!

[www.gaiagino.com](http://www.gaiagino.com)



## Sandalous!

In a glorious effort to enhance the ankles and increase leg length we all rejoice in the inimitable talents of legendary Manolo Blahnik. He's pulled it off again in his latest collection. Husbands beware of those mysterious extra pairs appearing in the wardrobe and nasty letters from the bank, this is the key shoe-collection of the season and wannabe Imeldas will do anything to own a pair!

[www.manoloblahnik.com](http://www.manoloblahnik.com)

## Lucky Ron

Your luck's in if you can get your hands on one of these four-leaf clovers. Organic and sensual, designer Ron Arad has created a soothing sensation in this coloured polyethylene monobloc arm chair. Weather proof also, the chair can double as lush garden furniture, though we'd advise keeping it well away from the barbeque flames!

[www.ronarad.com](http://www.ronarad.com)



## Skin seat

Suspended seating seems a real science, architect Jean Nouvel has set about taming the opposing forces on the simplistic, yet extremely desirable Skin sofa. In a bid for new expression, Nouvel employs a form-and-function formula that makes the decorative elements of the sofa structural, and vice versa. Is it comfortable? Apparently so, and surprisingly easy to vacuum under.

[www.bonluxat.com](http://www.bonluxat.com)