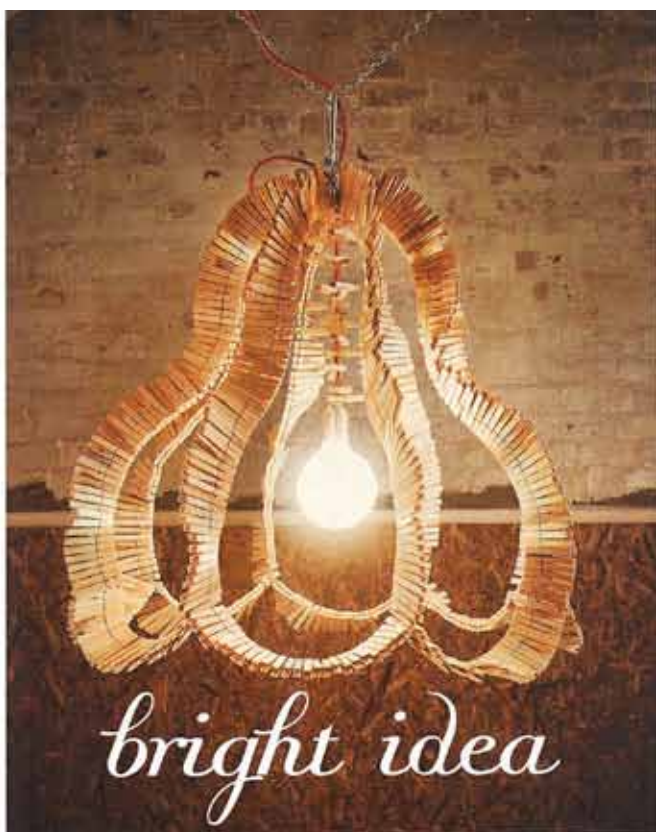


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bright idea

He's crafted luminous lights from brass tubes, porcelain plumbing ducts, woven electrical wire and Japanese calligraphy brushes, so we were hardly surprised when Melbourne-based designer Volker Haug swooped upon the humble wooden clothes peg for his latest masterpiece, 'Peggy-Sue'. Created from 730 pegs, the pendant light pays tribute to the construction of unnoticed household items. He certainly has us pegged! 'Peggy-Sue' light, \$895, visit volkerhaug.com for further details.

flower power

Let your inner flower child run wild with Armadillo & Co's new floral-inspired rug collection – a trio of seductively soft Bangladeshi hemp woven rugs handmade by artisan weavers in India. Perfect for softening rooms with hard edges or adding a luxe touch underfoot. Check out the range at armadillo-co.com



'Marigold' rug, \$450/1.5m diameter, Armadillo & Co, armadillo-co.com.



love at first site

try

For those looking to unleash the craft queen within or try a new creative endeavour

www.cutoutandkeep.net

Find new easy-peasy step-by-step craft projects daily. Get creative with paper or cardboard, or finally master those knitting needles.

www.nooshkids.blogspot.com

This blog belongs to *HB's* very own picture editor, Tina Hutton. The mum of two boisterous boys shares crafty ideas, inspiration and simple weekend projects that will keep little ones occupied. Also check out Noosh, the furniture brand behind the name (noosh.com.au)

buy

After the latest must-haves? Shopping online has never been easier or more enchanting

www.story-theatre.com

This newly opened homewares haunt honours the ancient art of storytelling. Discover a beautifully curated collection brimming with history: tables crafted from vintage atlas pages, 'storybook' brooches and The Oak Leaves' clay miniature city statues.

www.honeyhoney.com.au

An online hive simply buzzing with the best brands from across the globe. Among the sweet design goodies are *HB's* fave notebook brand Archie & Grand, gorgeous eco-friendly cards from Raven & Lamb and quirky Japanese labels Yuen'to and Duller.

be inspired

Lose yourself in lovely photography and whimsical words

www.afieldjournal.blogspot.com

Olivia Kanaley shares dreamy photographs and pretty prose that evoke feelings of nostalgia and childhood whimsy.

www.lightbluegrey.blogspot.com

Dutch blogger Hetty is the creative brainchild behind this beautifully photographed day-by-day account of her oh-so-arty life. Hetty takes delight in creating handmade treasures for her daughters and the results are lust-worthy!



a cut above

The beauty is in the detail of these intricate paper designs, delicately sculpted and cut out with the utmost care

STYLING SAMI SIMPER PHOTOGRAPHY EDWARD URRUTIA


On desk: 'Paper Sculpture' artwork in frame by Samantha Gazal, \$1100, Papier d'Amour. 'Crumple' cup, \$1595, Pigeonhole. Crane and heart origami, both stylist's own. Benja Harney bespoke jewellery box, \$200, Paperform. 'Jewelgraphy' necklace card, \$1990, 'Ferris Wheel' pop-up card, \$1595, both Upon A Fold. Journals, \$39.95 each, all Kikki.K. 'Numbered' bottle, \$15, Letterbox Co. Up In The Air Somewhere paper bowls in Gold, \$37/small, \$104/large, both Mr Sparrow. A5-size invitation in Kraft, \$22.95/set of 10, Paper2. 'Rococo' desk, \$1169, La Maison. On chair: *Papercraft: Design and Art with Paper* book by R. Klanten, \$64 (US\$65), *600 Black Spots: A pop-up book for children of all ages* book by David A. Carter, \$21.75 (US\$21.99), both Amazon. 'Lenoir' chair, \$887, La Maison. On floor: Tord Boontje 'Fairy Tail' garland, \$10, Great Dane Furniture. 'Papyrus weave' rug, \$780/1.7m x 2.4m, Armadillo & Co. On wall: Pompoms, \$35/pack of 5, Papier d'Amour. Tracy Kendall. 'In the White Room Stripe 4' wallpaper, from \$630/sqm, South Pacific Fabrics. Stockists, page 205

art and soul

Embrace handmade design with our round-up of the most exquisitely crafted and restored homewares, each piece a tribute to quality craftsmanship and creative vision

STYLING STEPHANIE POWELL PHOTOGRAPHY CATH MUSCAT

Porcelain cup in Blue, \$45, Samantha Robinson Handmade Porcelain. Elm Design 'Victorian Rabbit' porcelain plate, \$55, Pattie Murray porcelain spoon (wrapped with blue thread), \$15, Elm Design 'Lady' porcelain pourer, \$45, all Blue Caravan. Agapanthus, \$20/bunch, Poho Flowers. Christopher Plumridge ceramic platter, \$375, Planet. Stockists, page 205



craft corner

Create a cosy living space with hand-carved timber and inviting textiles, each careful stitch evident to the eye

classical beauty

Influenced by worldwide travels and with an exquisite eye for arrangement, an artisan and her family have created a vibrant urban retreat

STORY CAROLINE WEBSTER STYLING NATALIE COULTER & ANNEMIEKE VERDOORN PHOTOGRAPHY CATHMUSCAT



LIVING ROOM (above) Annemieke relishes the opportunity to create vignettes throughout her home, inspired by her life in the Netherlands and the places she's travelled. Her artistic flair is evident in the displays she has arranged in the living room, which brims with reminders of a life well travelled. The moody painting above the fireplace is by Israeli artist Tal Ben Zvi and the large coffee table was made to order during a trip to Belgium; try Coco Republic's 'Baker' coffee table for a similar style that's available closer to home. Calligraphy brushes on the table, from Parterre, and timber sculptures next to the fireplace hint at their owner's creative endeavours. >