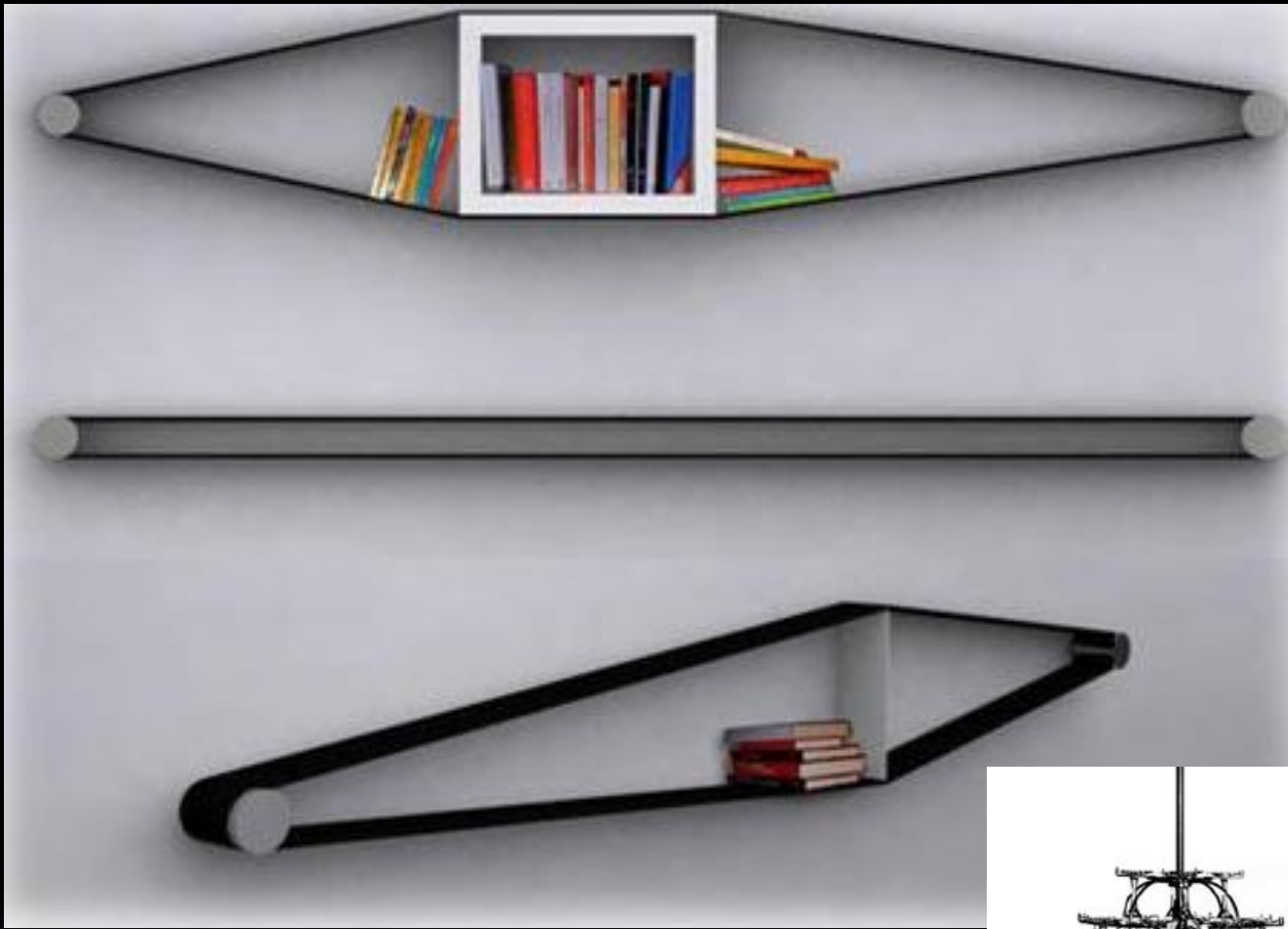
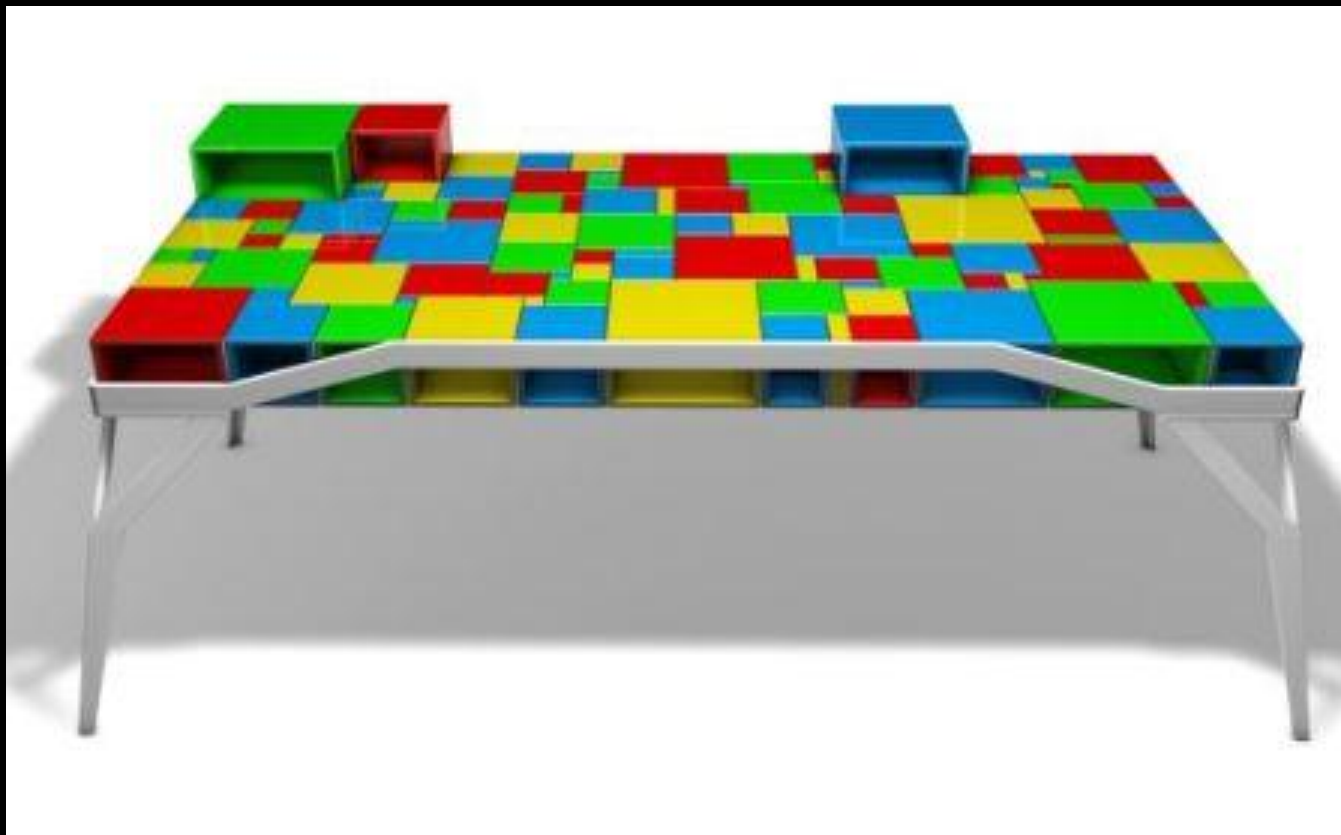




Storage & Furniture Inspiration





What a splendid work the Swiss designer has brought to us, and thank you Matthias Pugin! Not like other workbenches, the so-called "Cube" is constructed of colorful cubes that also act as containers. Working in the same way as ballpoint pens, the Cube will pop up when you push it down and return part of the tabletop if you give it another push



Clear lamps are great because they can blend so easily with any color scheme. But won't it be even better if they could also help you solve organizational problems in your home at the same time? Like misplaced magazines and books. If you've been spending too much time hunting for that book you were reading, then you might like the **clear reading lamp** by [Bureaubank](#) of The Netherlands. There is also a frosted version. It is a combination reading lamp and book or magazine stand made from perspex and stainless steel. The lamp is divided into two halves with a space for the books. Now you will spend less time hunting and more time reading for your book will be literally on the lamp by your favourite coccooning spot.



Designed by Ronald Knol, for [Odesi](#), the Salontafel RKNL20 Table consists of 2 white lacquered discs of various thicknesses, the one from the top giving the impression of floating over the lower support. The gap between the two plates can be used for books, remote control or other things that we usually range in a coffee table!





Designed by [Max Longin](http://max-longin.com) the Float Bed is based on the idea of the central point of rest to which everything leads in a pliable and soft way. This bed is has a design that is quite unique and is held in place by four stainless steel cords that are connected to a frame of wooden rods and steel bows which can support a weight of up to 2645 lbs. The bed is available in ash, beech, cherry, elm, maple, oak or walnut woods. Float can be easily assembled and dismantled into several parts, so it is easy to transport anywhere. Now for those of you who would like a really unique bed like this you might want to know that Float is available at a starting price of \$6200



Artist and furniture maker Sara Huston created this table with an indented space for magazines for those who to display reading materials on their coffee table but keep it neat at the same time. The design is simple, in a few words it can be described as a table with a hole where you can put a few magazines.





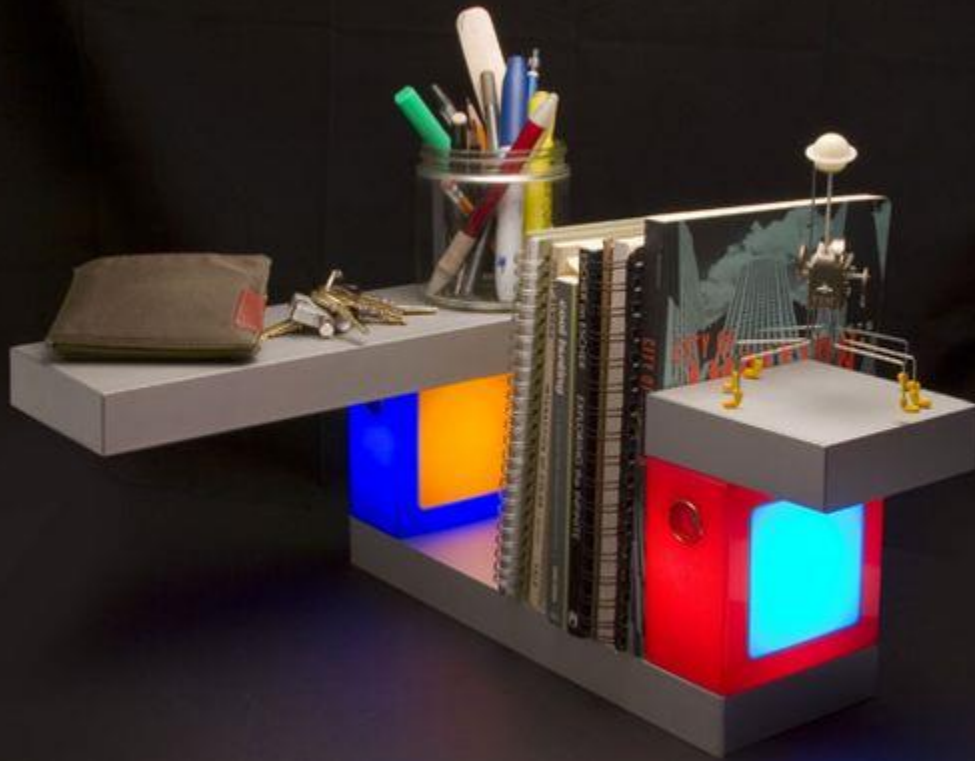
Lightbenches or bench seating that lights up are sure to be the great conversational pieces for your home or garden. The bench is illuminated with RGB LED technology which means you get to choose what color you like or even a changing spectrum of different hues and shades - all at your fingertips with the programmable remote control. The benches are water resistant and rugged so they can be used outside in parks, patios and gardens. They could eliminate the need for additional lighting and provide lovely focal areas amongst the foliage and along footpaths at night. They are easy to clean too for the bench surface has been specially treated. Their low wattage requirements (95 watts) make them environmentally friendly too - you've got to like that! These illuminated benches were designed by Lutz Hopbach (Germany) and can be purchased from [Frellstedt](#) (Germany)



Place two of them to form the back rest and seat of your very own zen chair and meditate away! The cushions are made from 100% merino wool. The designer is South African Ronel Jordaan. She trains her artisans to make them at the women's workshop in Gauteng-Johannesburg. So not only do you get a great product but will also help the artisans earn their living. The Felt Stone Cushions are available in three sizes which range from \$298 - \$595



For those of you who really love your pet, but you don't want an ugly metal cage in your living room or bedroom to keep your pet inside here is a very good solution. [DenHaus](#) designs little homes for pets, and not any homes, they design a smart collection of furniture that doubles as comfy hideaways for your pets. It appeals to your animal's ancient instincts for a den and the designs fit any decor. In conclusion your dog can nap right next to the couch in your living room. And when the door is closed, guests won't even know this modern piece of furniture is a dog crate. Now take a look at a few solutions produced by them



The multifunctional shelves from the makers of the TwistTogether Lamp is what I would call an innovative piece of furniture. Dubbed the “TwistTogether Shelves,” the latest furniture unit comes with three sleek aluminum shelves (2 shelves + 1 mini shelf) that incorporate tidy LED lights to double up as lamps. The modular unit can be assembled and twisted according to the needs and availability of space, offering different arrangements to users. Apart from its functional usage, the new TwistTogether unit also lets users play with their creative ideas in constructing various designs. The modular shelving set will set you back around \$110





The living room is often the center of a house. It's the place where families and visitors gather to talk, relax, and be entertained. The furniture and decor in the living room can set the tone for everything that happens in that room. It follows that living room furniture is a main focus when a house is being decorated. If you're anything but traditional, these unique and clever living room furniture designs may be right up your alley.



These coffee tables are for the true nerds among us. The top, a working Nintendo controller protected by a layer of glass, was truly a labor of love for its proud owner. The table on the bottom sports a feature that most of us instantly recognize: the periodic table of elements. Each element is represented by a small sample of it safely embedded in acrylic so that even the dangerous elements can't hurt you





The design for these shelves is simply amazing. [P!oP! shelves](#) are made of corrugated cardboard to make them easy to carry around and set up in a new place. The shelves are collapsible, so whenever you need to hit the road quickly you can just remove your things from the shelves and fold it up. The units are also connectable, so you can have a long system of book shelves.





The [Calla chair](#) is also a very interesting chair, designed by Italian furniture maker Domodinamica. The Calla chair features polyurethane, which is wrapped around a durable frame, and comes dressed in a wide variety of stylish fabrics, or leather. The focal point of this chair is the arms. These can be manipulated to fit your size, style and comfort. As you can see from the image below, the chair can even be transformed into a '[chaise lounge](#)'. Beautiful.



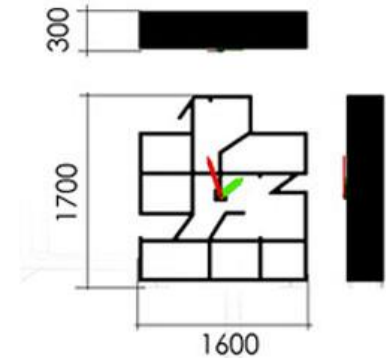
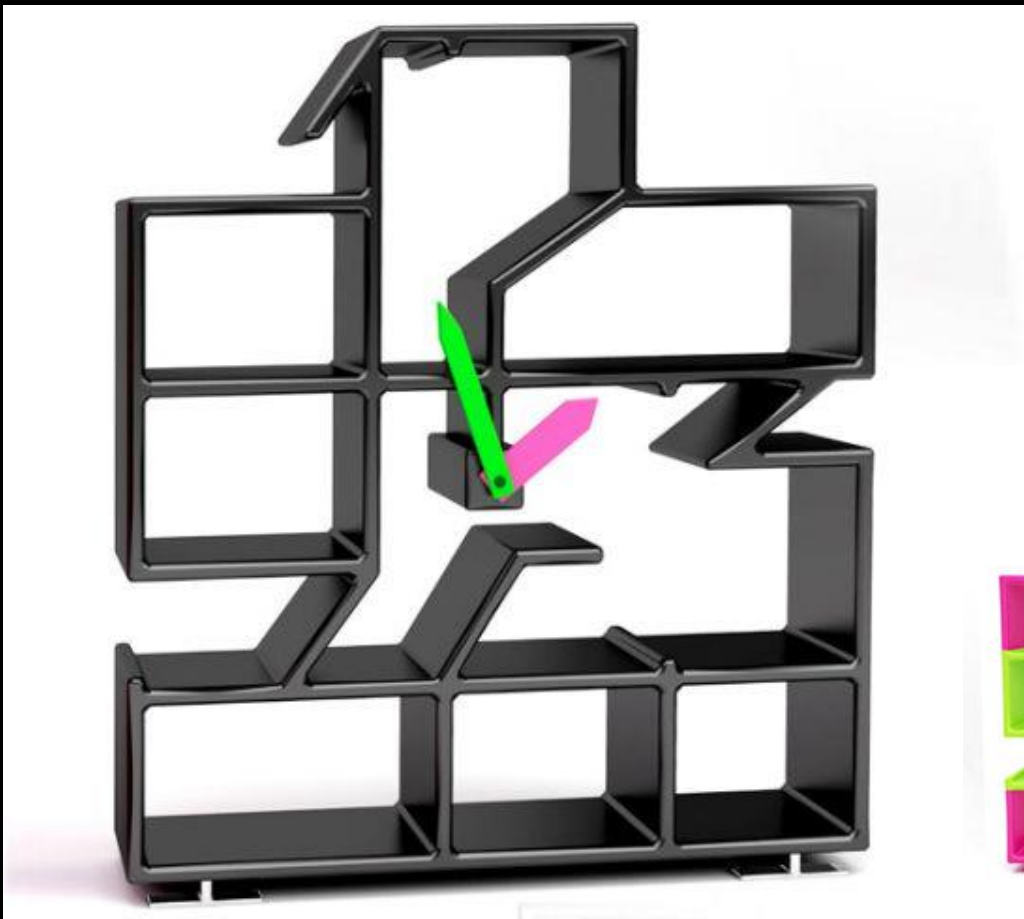
Another coffee table that may be of interest, for its dual purpose, is the Ego Coffee Table, which can be picked up and wheeled around the house. The table has a wheel positioned at its bottom, with two levers crafted on the edge. Simply lift, like a wheelbarrow and glide it anywhere you wish to place it. No need to call on a neighbour to help you shuffle the table over to the other side of the room. The Ego Coffee Table solves this problem, along with looking beautiful, and a real eye-catching piece of furniture for any home. You can get hold of one of these for around £199.



This is the Speech Bubble Cardboard Coffee Table. The project behind this table and some other cardboard pieces of furniture was born out of the desire to create cardboard furniture for the masses that anyone could fashion from scrap cardboard. [Leo Kempf](#) details instructions about how to make your own furniture.



Utility furniture is the watch word in today's world with cramped small apartments that we all seem to live in. Responding to the need, John Glinister has come up with a unique furniture design that uses no screws or glue to assemble the seating unit. Hailed as the Slot Bench, the innovative furniture comprise of four main parts that are fabricated together by using a CNC machine. All, the users need to do is slot the parts together, supported by various small pieces, to assemble the bench. Though, the furniture comes with pre-attached cushions, there is a huge verity of colors and fabrics to pick from



Combining the functions of a clock with the utility of storage or shelf, designer [Dzmitry Samal](#) has come up with an innovative furniture unit named “Time Shelf” that other than providing ample space for storing different objects, otherwise lying all around the place, also keeps the users updated with time. Finished with plastic and MDF, the multifunctional shelf not just presents a neat and sleek [design](#) but also ensures durability. Combining two different functions in a single unit, the designer has added a new dimension to the home décor, without interfering with the utility of the common living space object







Designers continue to test the limits of plywood – a seemingly ubiquitous and relatively cheap material – in this case literally bending it to their will. These designs are complex and engaging yet strikingly easy to store, ship and assemble upon receipt. They come in a variety of shapes and functions and are stable once converted into their final formation.

While these flat-pack furniture designs might not be the height of fashionable design they are certainly cheap, easy and interesting alternatives to standard furniture. Over time, these techniques may become more viable as the actual designs evolve along with them.

