

# animalia

From the animal kingdom, creatures both great and small make these products come alive

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1. Fish pendant light, \$285/large, Wilkins and Kent, (03) 9419 5251, [www.wilkinsandkent.com.au](http://www.wilkinsandkent.com.au). 2. Thorsten van Elten antlers, \$149.50, De De Ce Plus, (02) 9360 2722, [www.dedeceplus.com](http://www.dedeceplus.com). 3. Beetle wallpaper, \$130/roll, Porter's Paints, 1800 656 664, [www.porterspains.com.au](http://www.porterspains.com.au). 4. Wooden owl wall hanging, \$135, Beautiful On The Inside, (02) 9360 7733, [www.beautifulontheinside.com.au](http://www.beautifulontheinside.com.au). 5. Slavør Fauna rabbit pillow in Red, \$135, De De Ce Plus, (02) 9360 2722, [www.dedeceplus.com](http://www.dedeceplus.com). 6. Japanese cushions, \$64 each, Made590, (02) 9550 1020, [www.made590.com.au](http://www.made590.com.au). 7. Inke Giraffe Wildlife wallpaper in Pink, \$162, Tinypeople, (02) 6685 5797, (07) 5599 4595, [www.tinypeople.com](http://www.tinypeople.com)



## trend alert: trick of the eye

Just when you think you've seen it all before, these clever items remind us that everything might not be quite as it seems! As part of a newfound surrealist movement that experiments with optical illusion, this cunning design direction plays with preconceptions, asking us to take a second look. For shaking up the bare-boned interiors of recent times, we're happy to play along.

1. D-Bros Biscuit **greeting card**, \$14.50, De De Ce Plus, (02) 9360 2722, [www.dedeceplus.com](http://www.dedeceplus.com).
2. Grassy **tablecloth**, \$99, Design For Use, (03) 9699 5665, [www.designforuse.com.au](http://www.designforuse.com.au).
3. Through The Looking Glass **wall hanging**, \$286.95, Millicent & Frank, 0409 601 595, [www.millicent-frank.com](http://www.millicent-frank.com).
4. D-Bros Chocolate Block **greeting card** by Naoko Miyoda, \$14.50, De De Ce Plus, (02) 9360 2722, [www.dedeceplus.com](http://www.dedeceplus.com).

### watching the garden grow

What better incentive to go outside and play! When the Clever Little Gardeners package arrives at your door – complete with a garden journal, seeds and crafty ideas – your kids will be clamouring to give their green thumbs a workout. Also, the seasonal recipes for clever little cooks promise to get the fruits of their labour into their bellies with ease. From \$64.95, visit [www.cleverlittlegardeners.com](http://www.cleverlittlegardeners.com).



## festival of the sun

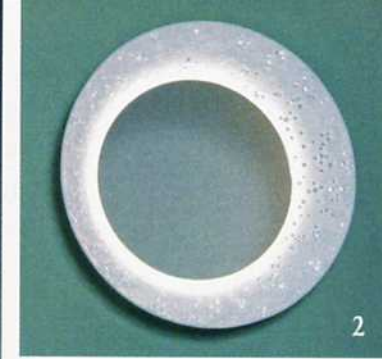
The city of lights goes solar this year as famed designer Ross Lovegrove basks in the greenest limelight of them all. His Solar Tree installation, developed in partnership with Italian lighting company Artemide and cell producers Sharp Solar, is set to light up the streets of Paris in sustainable style. After a short but sweet stay in France, this shining example of eco chic is due to shed some light in Los Angeles and Miami as well.



### LIGHTING THE FIRE

Our love affair with Spanish lighting brand Luzifer continues to grow and it seems we're not the only ones whose hearts are racing for their timber veneer lights. Taking out the Design Plus prize at the recent Material Vision Fair in Frankfurt is Luzifer's Link pendant. With concentric loops that show off their signature light-diffusing veneers to perfection, this Spanish beauty lights up any room. From \$732, it's available from Ke-Zu. Call (02) 9699 6600, [www.kezu.com.au](http://www.kezu.com.au).





1 When asked to name a handful of current design favourites, Judy's list (above right) runs the gamut from architecture to sculpture to a lampshade. Tord Boontje, Bodo Sperlein, Ikea ... the list is as broad-ranging as it is insightful.



### Judy's top five iconic designs

- (From left, clockwise)
1. Tord Boontje's Midsummer Light, \$125, De De Ce, (02) 9360 2722.
  2. Bodo Sperlein's Eclipse mirror from Maison & Objet 07.
  3. Leran pendant lamp by designer Nicholas Cortolezzis, from \$49, Ikea, (02) 8002 0400, [www.ikea.com.au](http://www.ikea.com.au).
  4. The Performing Arts Centre in Abu Dhabi by architect Zaha Hadid.
  5. Lladró porcelain figurines, including the Lladró Canvas Vase Flowers Tapestry, \$2950, Format, (02) 9331 5050.

### Code blue

What's the biggest story on the colour horizon? "Blue, the colour of freedom, as it occurs naturally – in the sky and sea – reflecting purity and freedom," says Judy. It's also the suggestion of travel; imagine the holiday blues of Greece or Noosa. "Blue is a very optimistic colour, it's about possibilities," she adds, which reflects a change from the comfort zone of the brown palette that we've embraced over the past decade. "Blue can be quite classical, traditional and conservative, but also deep, mysterious and compelling."

(Far left & right) Forget teaming blue with complementary or contrasting colours. The new blue is about embracing a wide range of shades in a monochromatic treatment.



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# life is sweet

Remember sneaking lollies from Nana's jar? These boiled sweets are dandy candy for grown-ups who want to indulge their sweet tooth with fond memories. Made in traditional copper pans from natural, organic ingredients such as lemon and peppermint oils, Duchy Organic sweets are available in all the old-school flavours. We just can't go past the Sherbet Lemons!



Duchy Organic sweets, \$9.90, Simon Johnson, call 1800 655 522. Cutie Pie rammekin in Blue, \$8.95, cup cake cup in Green, \$3.95, cake plate in Mint, \$39.95, all Domayne, 1800 366 296. Shell spoon, \$12, Cambodia House (02) 9332 1101. Glass jar, stylist's own, seek similar at The Essential Ingredient, (02) 9439 9881.

**Turkish delight** Enter the magical world of the Ottoman empire as it butts up against modern-day Turkey. *A Chef's Travels in Turkey – Turquoise* by Melbourne-based restaurateurs Greg and Lucy Malouf (\$69.95, Hardie Grant) takes you down the old Silk Road to ancient spice markets, the spectacular Hagia Sophia and pillars of Anatolia. Don't go past the Sultan's delight – a lamb ragout with cheesy eggplant purée, classic Constantinople cuisine.



Hatched from a passion for food, the Animal Vegetable Mineral website means you can source all things delicious at the click of a button. The foodies behind this site source the produce daily and since nothing is stored in a warehouse, the fruit, veggies and meat arrive at your door fresh from the local growers. Anything not used at the end of the day is preserved in scrummy chutneys, relishes and jams. Visit [www.animalvegetablemineral.net.au](http://www.animalvegetablemineral.net.au).



## THE CUTTING EDGE

Want to get in touch with your inner samurai? These cutting-edge professional knives are crafted in the ancient tradition of samurai sword-making. Made in Japan with 63 layers of damascene laminated steel, the blades are fighting fit, flexible and extremely tough, not to mention super sharp. Tojiro knives are available from King of Knives and start from \$99.95. Call (02) 9807 9922 or visit [www.tojiro.com.au](http://www.tojiro.com.au).



## TO THE MANNERS BORN

Now little fine diners can play with their food to their hearts' content – just don't tell them they're learning table manners! This tray turns a dinner setting into a puzzle, so kids get used to eating neatly. Designer Wendy Boudewijns won a coveted Red Dot award for her Puzzle Dinner Tray by Royal VKB, available from De De Ce Plus, \$75. Visit [www.dedeceplus.com](http://www.dedeceplus.com) or call (02) 9360 2722.



## Mirror finish

The hot goss is all about gloss: leading the way for the latest shiny finishes coming out of Europe, Laminex's Diamondgloss is a glamorous, tough and scuff-resistant option for kitchen benches and walls. Laminex Diamondgloss Surfaces, \$91 per square metre; call 1800 002 204 for stockists or visit [www.laminex.com.au](http://www.laminex.com.au).



Pimm's & cranberry juice

prosciutto-wrapped perch with verjuice & thyme sauce

autumn grilled vegetables with haloumi

exotic fruit salad with coconut & pomegranate syrup

# The great OUTDOORS

Dining alfresco has become so indelibly Australian – enjoy these fresh and simple treats for casual summer entertaining

RECIPES & FOOD STYLING **KERRIE WORNER** STYLING **IMOGENE ABADY** PHOTOGRAPHY **CATH MUSCAT**



Chair and table, stylist's own; seek similar painted Adirondack chair and table, from \$1510/3-piece set, Ocean Country Furniture. Artecnic Tord Boontje polished 'TranSglass' lidded carafe in Green, \$85, De De Ce Plus. Kate Spade 'June Meadow' tumbler (holding flowers), \$79, Royal Doulton. Bird linen serviettes in White, \$18.50 each, Avenue Joffre. Corona tumblers, \$24.95/set of 6, Bodum. Barcelona stainless-steel cutlery, \$139/24-piece set, Bodum. Shell, \$8.99/tub, Spotlight. Hand-blown glass realight holder, \$24, Shades of Pale. Dinner plates in Celery, \$40 each, Bison Australia. Stockists, page 182