

habitus # 24



Just to whet your appetite for what's to come: our selection of the latest products, all designed to help make the complete home.

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Sit on it, shower under it, light up your life, store your knick-knacks – here are some suggestions.
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Tap into a whole new world of bathing, tap your way across the floor and tap the possibilities of where to put all those little things.
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Homo ludens – humanity and play. Time to lighten up and get a sense of play into our everyday domestic life.
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Campbell Drake discusses three recently released books which survey the complexity of Thai architecture.

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lightbox



We have re-organised ourselves... Meet the makers, inspiring movers and shakers across the region and engage with a cast of creative personalities.

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How migration lit the torch of creativity. Alice Blackwood meets an Indian fashion designer who found her mojo in Melbourne and in the richness of Aboriginal art.
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Going home again meant a vocational awakening for this Cambodian artist. As Michael Young discovers, he has transformed the artistic landscape of his homeland.
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The cultural vibrancy of the Asia Pacific is driving a wave of quality design and local manufacture, as Nicky Lobo reports.
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Interior designer turned manufacturer. Linda Cheng meets a dynamic entrepreneur who brings Malaysia, Thailand and Australia together in her brand Dessenin.
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He changed the face of South-East Asian architecture. Andrew Pfeiffer re-visits the Sri Lankan home of Geoffrey Bawa and savours one of the great gardens of the world.

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portrait

The **TILT OUTDOOR KITCHEN** is more than just a cooktop; the timber front of this humble box tilts upwards up to become a 2.2-metre-high awning that forms its own undercover cooking environment. Enclosed, the Accoya timber battens provide an elegant screen, and opened, they reveal an integrated Electrolux cook-top, Häfele sink, Rogerseller tap and integrated LED lighting. A wonderful transforming design by Justin Hutchinson/Urban Commons, this hardy piece of equipment is designed to weather even the extremes of the Australian sun.

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The developing collection from Sydney-based design studio **Fibrecraft** presents the new **CASCADE** collection of three-dimensional wall hangings. With a palette of natural cloth, the creative process transforms naturally dyed weaves and fibres into soft or rigid contrasting forms. In its completed state, the wall hanging exudes a modern and naturalist air.

fibrecraft.com.au

Swedish family-owned rug company **Henzel Studio** has invited leading contemporary artists to translate their own work onto a rug format for the **HENZEL STUDIO COLLABORATIONS**. All designs are handmade in Nepal and feature 12 select designs by artists such as Austrian fashion designer Helmut Lang and German artist Robert Knoke. Pictured is the creation from Belgian trio, **Leo Gabin**. This abstract piece in black, white, bright yellow, and hints of red, green and beige is a deceptively simple design. **Gabin** steps away from traditional, romanticised art to create works which inspire the imagination.

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Swedish-born Australian designer **Anna-Carin** has a reputation for infusing her residential, retail, hospitality and commercial projects with a distinct Scandinavian character. In her first collection with **Designer Rugs**, she presents an eponymous range of handmade rugs in pure New Zealand wool, created through the revered technical craft of traditional Nepalese hand-knotting. Each creation in the **ANNA-CARIN COLLECTION** is an abstraction capturing a childhood memory of Sweden.

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