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# In the Air



## MY FAIR LADY

When Leonardo da Vinci painted his most famous work of art in the early 16th century, he clearly had the universe in his mind and in his hands. Creativity takes courage, and the artist could not have known that his 'Mona Lisa' would go on to be an inspiration for many—be it oil painting reproductions, graffiti, scientific theory, parody or simply, our living spaces. The most recent to get influenced by the celebrated canvas is Italian luxury furniture and accessory company, Altamoda

Italia. One of its bedroom collections showcased at the Salone del Mobile this year is about the doyenne of etiquette for young ladies. A wonderful addition to any home, the series comprises cabinets, tables, consoles, wardrobe, dressers and other pieces in a soft palette of powder, ivory and beige. Fit for your princess or the girl of your dreams, the imprint of the most mysterious woman till date appears on all furnishings as a style guardian. Log on to [www.altamoda.italia.it](http://www.altamoda.italia.it) to know more.

## VEGETATIVE STATE

A request from design legend Issey Miyake led to the creation of this stunning seat, the Cabbage Chair. Miyake asked Japanese design studio Nendo to create furniture out of pleated paper, a by-product from the process of making pleated fabric, which is later discarded. The solution to his challenge was to transform a roll of paper into a chair by peeling away its layers, one at a time. Resins added during the original paper production add strength and the pleats give the chair elasticity and a comfortable, springy resilience. For more info log onto [www.nendo.jp](http://www.nendo.jp).



## BOWLED OVER

This is what we call unconventional thinking. A vessel which gives an impression of paint splashes frozen in time. Denmark-based Menu has merged the look of grandmother's classic centrepiece with modernism. The funky Dropp bowl made of silicone is available in six different colours and can be used to serve fruit or bread or as a decorative container. Designer Niels Romer says, "I wanted to create a design that makes people stop and think. Dropp provokes in a positive and happy way." Log on to [www.menu.as](http://www.menu.as) for details.

## WEAVE A STORY

Industrial designer Kenneth Cobonpue has an artistic hand that plays deftly with natural fibres and materials. His latest handiwork is the Rapunzel easy armchair made of thick hand-coiled upholstered foam that curves beautifully over a steel frame. The seat and back cushions are covered in smooth wool. And the comfy coiled locks that surround the seat let you settle in and dream away. Check [www.kennethcobonpue.com](http://www.kennethcobonpue.com).

