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New Zealand

Raw materials are on show at the moment, from the local rock used in the stunning Seascapes getaway to the raw ceramic of the Notch pendant and leather and wool of the Duffel ottoman. In all these designs, the materials shine and their natural textures are celebrated, a nod to New Zealand's rich, natural environment.



▲ KEEP THE FAMILY AT BAY

In an isolated bay on Annandale Farm sits a modern farmhouse with a classic form. Sitting in the centre of this rather symmetrical bay, the guesthouse is designed to host several families or one large, extended family in a spectacular seaside setting. Designed by architectural firm Pattersons, the home is modern, yet classic, and filled with the rich warmth of timber. Outside, the cedar skin has the same tones as the scrubby grass that surrounds it. *Annandale.com*.





RIGHT TANGLES

Clark Bardsley Design used the idea of 'orderly tangles' and a combination of digital and handmade fabrication techniques to build this bar stool. The solid pine seat is CNC-machined to create the angles for the powder-coated steel legs. "We took inspiration from mathematical models that looked chaotic but in fact had order and harmony," says Clark Bardsley. As well as creating a light and strong structure, the looped legs are a comfortable resting place for feet. Available in white, warm red or charcoal, NZ\$550 (\$490). essenze.co.nz.



▲ A NOTCH ABOVE

The new Notch pendants from award-winning design duo Well-Groomed Fox are a triumph of craftsmanship and meticulous design. The pendants are handmade to order in Nigel Groom and Emma Fox-Derwin's studio using traditional slip-casting and finishing techniques. The pair experimented with hundreds of porcelain dyes to fine-tune their seven bespoke colours: each hue is dyed into the opaque clay so the matt-finished shades are raw and unglazed for a beautiful effect. The lights are hand-finished, with small perforations notched into the top surface. Available in five sizes, each lamp comes with a simple matching porcelain ceiling rose. well-groomed-fox.com.

◀ GEO WHIZ

Homebase Collections has just launched Culy & Co with its first product, Geo Baby, a stunning side table originally made in the 1960s by Brian Culy's dad, David. David's day job was teaching cabinet-making but he designed furniture on the side for Wellington's famous Kirkcaldie & Stains department store. The family still has a few of David's originals, and these inspired Brian to relaunch the design. NZ\$540 (\$480). homebasecollections.co.nz.

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▼ IN THE BAG

The Duffel stool and ottoman are designed to be customisable to any locale. "The inspiration of the items in the Duffel Series was drawn from traditional drawstring duffel bags, often used by fishermen and military personnel," says designer Tim Webber. Hence the leather bottom section and the rope handles, which give a nod to the timeless styling of a duffel bag. Available as a stool or ottoman with customisable leather, felt and marine rope accents, from NZ\$570 (\$510). timwebberdesign.com.



▲ WIRED AND WONDERFUL

Angle Trestle is a trestle table with a twist, thanks to its stackable, wire legs. "I love the look of wire furniture," says designer Chris Johnson. "It looks elegant and clean, yet exerts strength and longevity." Preferring the honesty of materials like concrete, timber and metals, Chris enjoys combining traditional craftsmanship and modern technology. Angle Trestle is made to order with black or white powder-coated legs (custom colours also available) and a black or white tabletop, NZ\$765 (\$680). cleverdesignstore.co.nz.



The great seascape

Designed as a cosy getaway for two people, Seascapes is nestled into the hills of the stunning Banks Peninsula beach. Designed by Andrew Patterson, the building has a glass wall facing the sea, an outdoor fire and sunken spa pool. Stone from the local farm quarry helps the building blend into the landscape, rather than competing with it. Best of all, this little gem is available for hire. Annandale.com.