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HEART OF GLASS

Celebrate the art of glass-making with these handcrafted pieces, which will make elegant additions to your home

Glass and lighting design have been inextricably linked since the birth of the first light bulb. With its intricate filaments encased in thin, transparent glass, the rudimentary light bulb—the nucleus of modern electrical lighting—may be something we take for granted today but when it was first invented by Thomas Edison in 1879, it was an enigmatic wonder

that opened the door to myriad possibilities for makers of lighting products. Simple and beautiful, glass is a material that perhaps best captures the spirit of the Industrial Revolution and the Age of Enlightenment, when science and intellectual enquiry triumphed over the Dark Ages' medieval modes of thinking, transforming the world into a better and brighter place.

Today, new technologies and processes allow glass to be altered into an even wider variety of colours, textures, shapes and densities. When it comes to working with glass, designers have great freedom in experimenting with the material, resulting in a plethora of stunning lamps. Here are some that we love.

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CREATIVE TRANSMISSION

Designed by Prague studio DeForm in collaboration with Kavalierglass, Lasvit's Transmission sculptural chandelier (also pictured on the opposite page) has unique shades made with Simax—a low-expansion, borosilicate glass known for its high thermal shock resistance and stability. These layers of Simax glass have been cut and welded so that the lamp creates luminous kinetic effects from every angle.



PLAYFUL TWIST

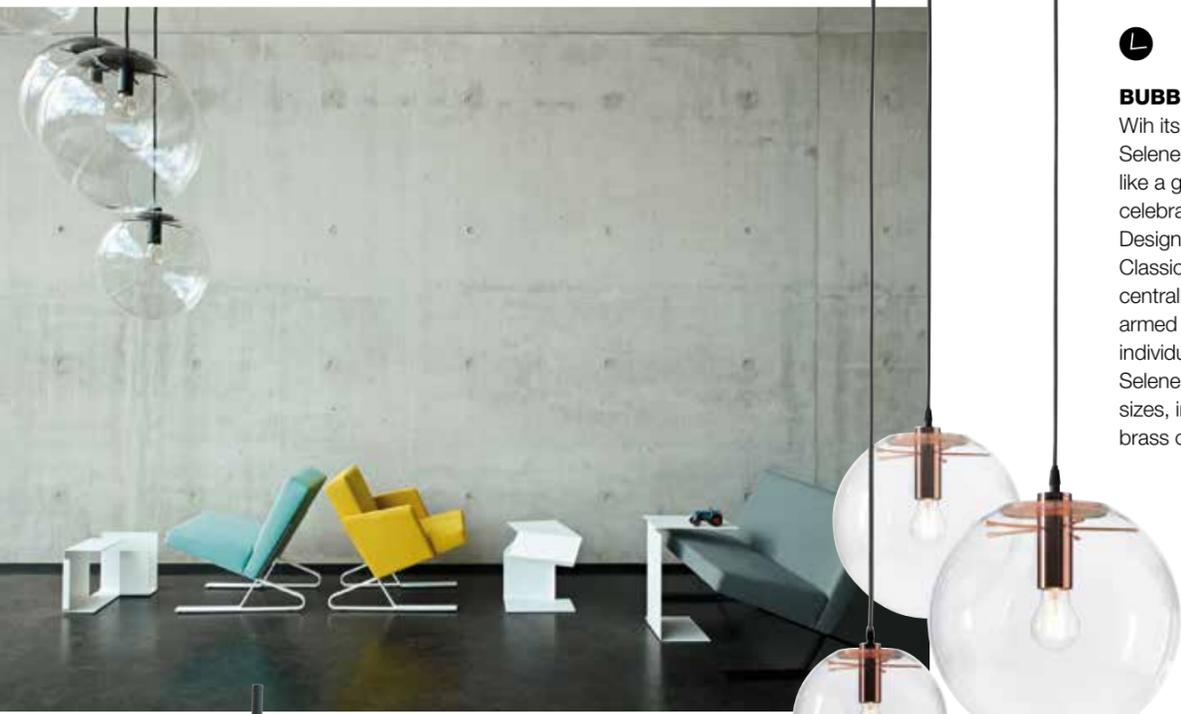
Italian designers Pio and Tito Toso were born in Venice, a city with a storied heritage in glass-making. The Blow collection, which the brothers have created for Studio Italia Design, pays homage to this wonderful material. Appearing like a task lamp trapped in a soap bubble, the exquisite beauty of glass shines in this dynamic design; a magnet placed on top of the lamp allows users to change the direction of the light source.



SWEET IDEA

With a form reminiscent of pulled taffy, Bocci's 87 collection of pendant lights adds a playful touch to any room. The work of Israeli designer and sculptor Omer Arbel, long sections of heated glass are stretched vertically, then repeatedly folded back on themselves to create the lamp's organic form. This folding motion also results in a pearlescent sheen; this textured effect is created by using soda water to trap the air bubbles during the glass-making process.





BUBBLE POP

With its spherical form, the Selene pendant lamp appears like a giant bubble, which also celebrates the clarity of glass. Designed by Sandra Lindner for Classicon, the lamp, which is centrally suspended by a five-armed light head can be used individually or in a group. The Selene is available in five different sizes, in a choice of lacquered, brass or copper-plated finishes.



GOOD COUNSEL

When Danish architects Arne Jacobsen and Erik Møller created a new council building in Aarhus, Denmark, in 1946, they also took charge of the building's interior design. The Aarhus wall lamp was among the pieces created to complement the overall scheme. Produced by Santa & Cole, the elegant and unobtrusive lamp features a sturdy brass skirt and an oval-shaped white opal glass shade. It has a timeless appeal that lends itself well to a variety of interior concepts.



BOCCI, CLASSICON, ROLL & HILL

Space Furniture
spacefurniture.com.sg
bocci.ca
classicon.com
rollandhill.com

BROKIS

Dream Interiors
dream.com.sg
brokis.cz

LASVIT, SANTA & COLE

W. Atelier
watelier.com
lasvit.com
santacole.com

NEMO

P5
p5.com.sg
nemolighting.com

OLUCE

oluce.com

PENTA

Studio 216
studio216.co
pentallight.it

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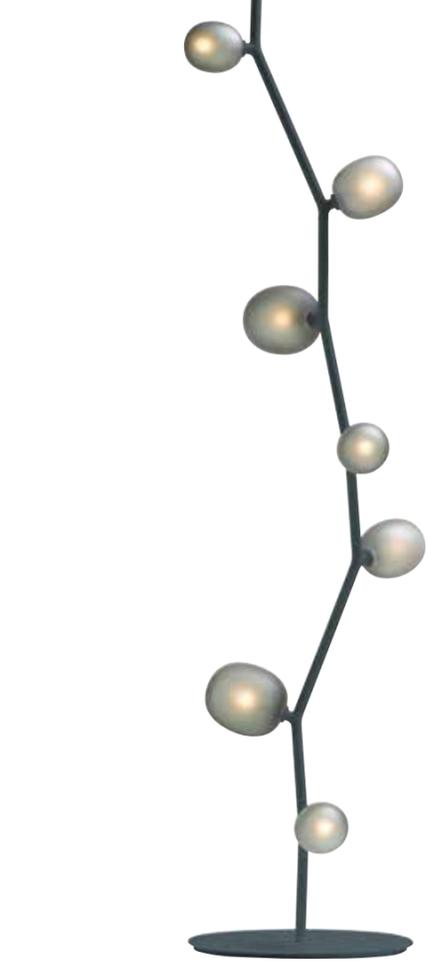
SMOOTH SHINE

Lula, designed by Umberto Asnagno for Penta is available as a floor or table lamp in various heights. With its sleek, hand-blown glass shade and a minimalist frame in either lacquered metal or satin gold, the smooth, rounded glass body of the shade produces a gentle glow.



BALANCING ACT

Comprising glass, metal and an LED light source, the Coax Pendant 02 has a sleek, industrial-influenced aesthetic that works well in minimalist interior schemes. Designed by Seattle-based artist and designer John Hogan for Roll & Hill, this transparent cylindrical lamp looks like a tube of light floating in mid-air.



NATURAL CALLING

Three sizes of bulbous smoked glass shades encase the light bulbs of the Ivy floor lamp, which was created by Prague-based designer Lucie Koldova for Brokis. Inspired by the climbing ivy, this lamp consists of modular components that can be positioned vertically or horizontally for decorative effect. The bud-like lamps attached to a metal "branch" also mimic the poetic charm of the delicate pussy willow plant.



GLASS CHIME

Shaped like a bell jar, the Semplice table lamp is composed of a single glass bell that contains a diffuser. Designed by British designer Sam Hecht for Oluce, the lamp features a black metal cap which encases the luminous bulb; the lower end of the bell rests on the table as support. Comprising a galvanized head, metal braid wires, and a rotary dimmer, the Semplice is a good choice for a minimalist interior.



NEW CLASSIC

The La Roche wall lamp is as relevant now as when it was first conceived. Authored by Swiss architect Le Corbusier, this lamp was created in 1925 for his iconic residential projects Villa La Roche and Pavillon de l'Esprit Nouveau in Paris. Reissued by Nemo Lighting with an LED light source, this wall lamp was created to illuminate large windows, and is a good choice for areas in need of enhanced vertical lighting.





SOCIAL CONNECTION

Turn the kitchen into the heart of your home with a stylish mix of furniture and accent pieces

MODERN MARVEL

The work of Cubo Design, the Menta kitchen system by Miton Cucine offers innovative, modular components that can be used to create a series of kitchen stations. Choose from a wide selection of matte, silky, stone or wood-effect finishes to match your interior scheme. Each module comes with the option of customised LEDs and can be designed for specific functions; these include shelving for cookbooks, a wine bar or a storage area for small appliances.

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Once a purely utilitarian space, our kitchens have since evolved to become multi-purpose, social zones. Large appliances used to dictate the layout of home kitchens, which were often kept out of sight from guests and designated solely to storing, preparing and cooking food. In the last two decades, many exciting new innovations have enabled the kitchen to be relocated from the back to the centre of the house, where it has become the heart of the home.

Clutter-free and handleless systems encourage more open-concept designs that blur the boundaries between the kitchen and other parts of the home, while compact, touch-control appliances enable better utilisation of space. The development of home automation and multi-functional appliances have paved the way for a more human-centric approach to kitchen design, enabling increased flexibility, convenience and style choices.

Here are some products that can help you design a kitchen that brings people together.



HOME AUTOMATION AND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL APPLIANCES HAVE PAVED THE WAY FOR A MORE HUMAN-CENTRIC APPROACH TO KITCHEN DESIGN



AT YOUR SERVICE

Make sure your guests get their fill of wines, cocktails, and soft drinks throughout your party with the Oscar drinks trolley by Porada. Designed by Giovanna Azzarello, the trolley is composed of Canaletto walnut wood shelves set on a chrome-plated metal frame. The Oscar combines elements from side tables with old-fashioned serving trolleys to add to its vintage charm.



EASY DOES IT

The award-winning Fusion hob from V-Zug combines the functions of a hob and hood; its hob incorporates a hood that's able to draw cooking vapours from the pots and pans. Equipped with an intuitive touch-control graphic display, its intelligent Opti link function allows the hob and integrated hood to automatically determine the vapour-extraction strength.



KEEP IT NEAT

Made of a non-woven material that muffles the clang of metal and china, Flex-Boxes by Next125 are a smart choice for organising space in your kitchen drawers. The system consists of seven inserts that can be used in a variety of ways to store utensils, dinnerware and condiments. These boxes can be easily wiped clean, or placed in a dishwasher, and are a great way to customise your storage compartments.



CHIC COMPANION

Make room for guests in your kitchen with the Blink counter stool from Stellar Works. Designed by Yabu Pushelberg, these steel-frame seats have a compact and elegant profile and a modern look that complements a wide variety of interior styles; these counter stools can also turn your kitchen island into a convenient spot for breakfast.



TOP GEAR

If you're looking to prepare gourmet meals for family and guests without breaking a sweat, Teka's iOven SS is a worthwhile investment. This intelligent, multifunctional oven comes with 50 preset recipes and a variety of functions. It can be set to bread-baking mode or automatic quick-heating mode, and is equipped with temperature sensors and a cleaning system.



COFFEE FIRST

Because the modern kitchen sometimes doubles up as a home office, a convenient supply of quality coffee is essential. Part of De Dietrich's sleek, minimalist Platinum Collection, the DKD7400X built-in Compact Coffee Machine is a welcome addition to kitchens and is an easy way to get a quick pick-me-up in the morning.



PERFECT FRAME

A high degree of transparency and visual connectivity to other areas of the home is ideal when designing an open-concept kitchen. You can achieve this effect with the Open double shelf, designed by Piero Lissoni for Boffi. Constructed from tie rods suspended from the ceiling, this shelving system is useful for maximising space above the kitchen island. Add an integrated light for neat, space-saving illumination.

VISUAL CONNECTIVITY TO OTHER AREAS OF THE HOME IS IDEAL WHEN DESIGNING AN OPEN-CONCEPT KITCHEN



STONE ROSES

The Topus concrete surface—a new addition to Caesarstone's Metropolitan collection—lets you bring the industrial look of concrete to your kitchen counters and work surfaces. Inspired by the material's rugged texture, this counter surface carries a hint of pink, making it a perfect fit with neutral or off-white walls. It also pairs beautifully with stained parquet floors, dark timber cabinets, and stainless steel hardware.



LET THERE BE LIGHT

Created by Danish design studio Goodmorning Technology for Luceplan, the Archetype suspension lamp combines innovative technology and comfortable light diffusion with clean lines and a pure and simple form. With a modern lampshade and balanced light source, the Archetype provides good illumination for worktops, island counters, and breakfast bars in both classic as well as contemporary kitchens.



BOFFI SINGAPORE
boffi.com

CAESARSTONE
caesarstone.sg

DE DIETRICH
asia.de-dietrich.com

LUCEPLAN
MILLION LIGHTING
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luceplan.com

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watelier.com
miton.it
next125.com

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porada.it

STELLAR WORKS
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p5studio.com.sg
stellarworks.com

TEKA
teka.com

V-ZUG
V-Zug Singapore
vzug.com/sg

OUTDOOR OASIS

Make the most of your balcony with these clever ideas



NIGHT LIGHT

German outdoor furniture brand Gloster gives you the option of bringing its portable lamps outdoors for added illumination on your balcony. Designed by Danish designer Henrik Pederson, Gloster's Ambient Lanterns comes in four chic and contemporary designs—Nest, which is made of synthetic fibre weaves, and Ray, Cocoon (seen on this page) and Lantern, which are made of buffed teak.

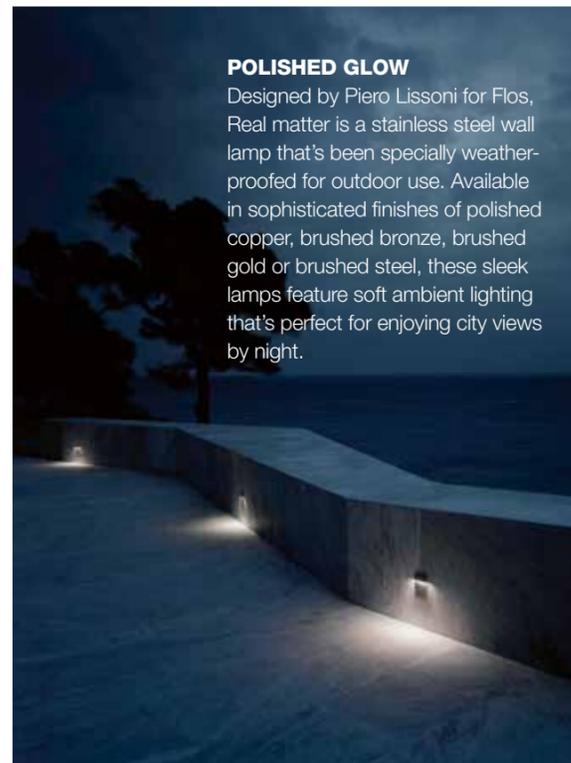
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Floor space is precious in modern apartments, and this typically includes the balcony area, which can be neglected when homeowners are unsure of how to best make use of the space. With clever spatial planning, you can create a welcoming porch that can also enhance the sense of space in your apartment.

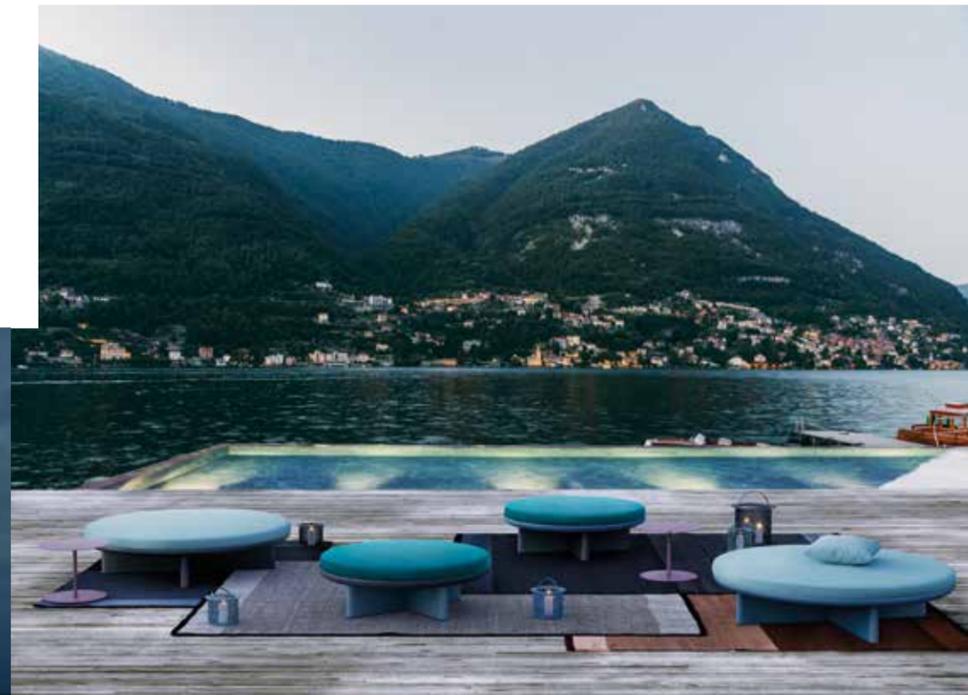
Jeremy Tay of Prestige Global Designs advises against choosing bulky furniture for your balcony; he suggests using smaller pieces to allow for more movement and flexibility. “Include a few potted plants and a small table and chair where you can relax and enjoy a cup of tea or a cocktail,” adds Tay. Choose outdoor furniture in styles that complement the design scheme of your interiors. “Work

POLISHED GLOW

Designed by Piero Lissoni for Flos, Real matter is a stainless steel wall lamp that's been specially weather-proofed for outdoor use. Available in sophisticated finishes of polished copper, brushed bronze, brushed gold or brushed steel, these sleek lamps feature soft ambient lighting that's perfect for enjoying city views by night.



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at connecting the interior and exterior spaces so there's a seamless flow between the two; choose indoor and outdoor furniture with similar colours and patterns,” he says. Another tip: incorporate ceiling fans to help keep the space breezy on humid days.

If you have a larger balcony that's connected to your master bedroom, Karen Gan of KGID suggests using a daybed or chaise longue to create a cosy reading corner or a calming area for yoga. “Bigger balconies can work wonderfully as an area for entertaining guests, so if your balcony is large, you can include a small sofa set and side tables,” advises Gan. “If your balcony is small, choose compact items so you don't overwhelm the space.” To turn your balcony into part of your interior living areas, she also recommends adding outdoor zip-blinds to keep air-conditioning in; the blinds can also block out the rain and sun.

Here, we pick out a selection of products to help you design a beautiful and efficient balcony you'll want to use every day.



PUFF OF ZEN

The Cala collection from Kettal works well for a Zen-inspired outdoor tea area or as a space for meditation. Designed by internationally acclaimed, London-based duo Doshi Levien, the poufs have bases in either teak or coated aluminium; the cushions can be upholstered in Kettal outdoor fabrics which come in more than 50 different colours.



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SAY YES

Composed of durable, modified polypropylene and produced using gas-injection technology, Dr. Yes, designed by Philippe Starck in collaboration with Eugeni Quitllet for Kartell, is a chair with an avant-garde sculptural profile. Glossy and smooth to the touch, Dr. Yes comes in a variety of snazzy colours that will add a sense of dynamism to your balcony.

2

CURVES AHEAD

Winner of the 2019 IIDA/HD Expo Product Design Award, the Bell side table by Janus et Cie is made entirely of waterproof polyethylene plastic, and is thus perfect for balconies that are frequently exposed to the elements. The table features a matte finish and has a solid form that works well with modern, minimalist interiors in monochromatic schemes.

3

FADE NOT

Made of 100 per cent polypropylene fibre, Woodnotes outdoor carpets are a good choice for moist and humid conditions. Resistant to abrasion and chlorinated water, the dyes in these carpets won't easily fade even with regular exposure to the sun. Although designed specifically for outdoor areas, these carpets can be used indoors too.

4

VERDANT CUBE

Add a green touch to your balcony with Serralunga's Cubotti illuminated planters, which feature a cuboid-shape that allows them to fit snugly into balcony corners. Designed by Nat Wave, and fitted with an RGB LED lighting system, these planters offer a stylish, space-maximising solution by combining a plant pot with a light source.

5

COLOURFUL TAPESTRY

Zimmer + Rohde's colourful selection of outdoor textiles blurs the boundaries between indoor and outdoor upholstery fabrics to help you create a more unified look within your home. Featuring a lively array of patterns, these weather-resistant textiles are hypoallergenic and highly resistant to abrasion as well as salt and chlorinated water and can be easily machine washed.

6

SUN SALUTATION

Lounge in style on the Indiana chaise longue designed by Rodolfo Dordoni for Minotti. Crafted from solid Iroko wood, the chaise features a wooden base and a woven backrest in nature-inspired tones that ooze resort-style vibes. If space is no constraint, pair it with the coffee tables and sofas from the Indiana collection for ample options to entertain your guests.

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OUTDOOR READING

Enjoy the comfort of a good reading chair at your balcony with the Alison outdoor armchair from Flexform. Designed by Carlo Colombo, the chair has a plywood base and a lightweight aluminium frame in white, wine red or khaki green, and in a burnished or satin-like finish. It's upholstered in outdoor fabrics that withstand the sun, rain and humidity.



FLEXFORM
Flexform Singapore
flexform.it

FLOS, KARTELL, SERRALUNGA
Space Furniture
spacefurniture.com.sg
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GLOSTER
W. Atelier
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