

# DESIGN FOR EVERYDAY

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Images courtesy of Nookha, TREE

Designs of masterpieces like the glass pyramid in front of the Louvre are pretty breathtaking, but those are more for a rare glimpse than daily admiration. The designs we put at home, on the other hand, plays a much more important role in our lives, though we do tend to disregard their aesthetic roles. Every piece of furniture you gathered at home doesn't merely serve a function, but is also a good indicator of your immaculate taste and style, be it minimalistic or flamboyant. Here are two of the latest furniture pieces that I find sleek, practical, as well as environmental conscious.

Nookha, meaning to give in the Aboriginal language, is the latest eco-design brand in the Hong Kong, creating all their pieces with the most sustainable material – bamboo. Using the fastest growing plant that is simultaneously strong, bendy, and durable, they came up with several collections that are authentic, elegant, and warm.

Christine Richard, the mastermind of Nookha, fell in love with the majestic sceneries of Bali, and that is where the idea of producing a range of elegant and eco-friendly furniture came to life. She perfectly combined the innovative ideas of international rising stars from the design world with the traditional craftsmanship by local artisans, who gathered their knowledge from generations before them.

Their Kaawa coffee table is handy and cozy, coming in a large variety of sizes, fitting just about any space. Their Desa collection, in contrast, is made of a mind boggling amount of bamboo layers bent and shaped with traditional skills, so despite the fact that all the surfaces are only 2 cm thick, the furniture can still withstand a crazy load without any risk of deformation.

They produced timeless furniture that can be passed on for generations, and maintains a beautiful balance between nature and our urban lives. You can touch and feel the rest of their collection in real life at Latitude's showroom in Chai Wan from now until 10th May 2012, so seize the chance in finding out more about what will be the latest addition in your home!

[www.nookha.com](http://www.nookha.com)



Differing from Nookha, who is still a baby in the field, TREE is Hong Kong's very first eco-chic furniture boutique, giving off a stylish yet environmentally friendly spin in their designs. They make most of their collections with reclaimed teak wood, featuring bold contemporary shapes, which pieces together a modern while relaxing living space. Their creator and head designer, Nicole Wakley, has produced a large range of products including beds, sofas, tables, chairs, and outdoor furniture, so you can be sure you will find something that you both need and want.

Their signature collection, made of highest quality reclaimed teak wood that were once part of old buildings, boats, furniture, sleepers, and bridges, was transformed by their super-skilled Indonesian craftsmen into contemporary designs with very unique characters. Their Ferum selection has a very special artsy twist, being made of what was part of abandoned Indonesian fishing boats, now redesigned to flaunt its prior life while making sure the pieces are functional at your trendy home.

What's more? They understand that every home is unique, so they make sure you get to watch the carpenters on site at their Ap Lei Chau flagship store tailoring your pieces to the right dimensions, while enjoying a yummy combo of coffee and cake at their chill café. If Ap Lei Chau is a bit out of the way, they also have stores in Soho, Cyberport, and Sai Kung. No matter where you are based, they will certainly have an outlet close by.

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