



CERAMIC MATTERS

ABODE

MICK HAIGH

LYALL SPRONG

PETER MTHOMBENI

the 'it' list

Presenting our top 20 finds at Design Indaba Expo 2008 – one of the most inspiring highlights of the local design calendar

WE LOVED ...

1. **Ceramic Matters'** 'crocheted' squares and blown-up 'plastic' creatures and vases – which were, in fact, all ceramic (011-447-9688).
2. **Abode's** all-white hanging cane chairs and lampshades demonstrate to perfection how to use classic materials in a contemporary way (021-386-1917, design-abode.co.za).
3. **Mick Haigh's** ceramic reinterpretations of classic cut-crystal wine glasses and decanters (072-529-0227).
4. **Lyall Sprong's** Euco bench, Compounded lamp and Alexander's Solution table, further proof that this 2006 *HL/Designers* at Mr Price Home competition winner is the next big thing in South African design (083-415-9947).
5. **Peter Mthombeni's** selection of vividly coloured Art Deco-esque teapots (072-955-1755, 083-265-8336).

6. **Casamento's** crocheted blankets in a subtle harmony of hues, and stitching and embroidery on mid-20th century chairs and lampshades (021-783-2188, casamento.co.za).
7. **Cornelius Lemmer's** Dolly Pots – an unusual combination of porcelain vases and baby doll legs (021-510-0669, corneliuslemmer.co.za).
8. Richard de Jager's sculptural creations, under his fashion label **Pwhoa**, which breathe new life (and attitude) into knitwear (072-407-7078).
9. **Give it Bag's** oh-so-trendy shoppers made from recycled materials, with proceeds from each sale going to social projects (021-465-9852, give-it-bag.com).
10. Marietjie Beeslaar's puppet-show-like display boxes filled with her fauna- and flora-inspired **Skermunkil** jewellery (073-449-5755).



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11. The eye-catching, intelligent and resolved creations of the **University of Stellenbosch jewellery design** students Nanette Nel, Nicol Dippenaar and Eric Loubser; (021-808-3045).
12. **Clever Little Monkey's** Baba-rium Cot and recycled paper ottoman – made from sustainable materials and ecofriendly finishes (028-273-8956, cleverlittlemonkey.co.za).
13. The 100 per cent polypropylene Ozo bowl by **Pepper Plum**, which folds into a single flat sheet for easy storage (021-461-7805, pepperplum.co.za).
14. **Lisa Firer's** whimsical, paper-thin porcelain orbs of light and candle cuffs (Africa Nova, 021-425-5123).
15. **Egg Designs'** sideboard and lamps, inspired by the annual blooming of Namaqualand flowers, as seen on the *House and Leisure* stand (031-783-4953, eggdesigns.co.za).

16. The riotously coloured stand of the **Kommetjie Environmental Awareness Group (KEAG)**, which included a gigantic tree – all created using recycled objects (021-783-3433, keag.org.za).
17. **ZenZulu's** telephone-wire creations such as Nature, designed by Marisa Fick-Jordaan (031-201-0002, zenzulu.co.za).
18. **Yda Walt's** Jozi-themed cushions emblazoned with downtown street names like Commissioner and Eloff (082-530-2925).
19. **Heartworks'** rainbow-like array of embroidered cushions and teddy bears, ceramics, and telephone-wire sculptures and brooches (021-465-3289, 021-447-7183).
20. **Mü&Me's** cute and covetable t-shirts and stationery featuring Thandi, Tet, Amelia, Olive and the rest of Daley Muller's crew (073-698-5211, muandme.net). □