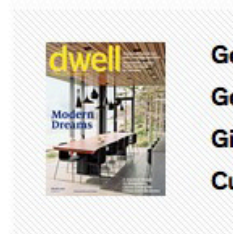


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8 Furniture Designs Made With Mind-Bending Materials



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The story of modern furniture design can't be separated from material technology. Ever since [Charles and Ray Eames](#) discovered a molding process to create curvaceous pieces of plywood, innovations and new materials have inspired designers to give form to previously impossible shapes. Click through the slideshow for some of the latest innovations that have caught our eye, from sleek chairs made from wool to lamps hewn from lava rocks.



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Studio Formafantasma's lava clocks

An experiment in geometric, occasionally brutal, forms, the "De Natura Fossilium" show, which appeared at London's Gallery Libby Sellers earlier this year, explored the possibilities of working with lava from the Mount Etna and Stromboli regions of Sicily. One of nature's original raw materials, the stone was turned into tables, clocks, and pure black glass.

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