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I.M.Pei's Museum of Islamic Art

Dubai Opera House by Zaha Hadid

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French graphic designers Antoine Audouin and Manuel Waisch recently collaborated with Spanish manufacturers BD Barcelona to come up with this cabinet clad with unusual relief patterns. Derived from hieroglyphic language and arts and crafts, amongst other out-of-this-world inspiration, the design lends a touch of fantasy to an otherwise conventional piece of home furniture.

BY ANTOINE ET MANUEL  
BD BARCELONA  
[www.art&designbarcelona.com](http://www.art&designbarcelona.com)  
[www.bdbd.com](http://www.bdbd.com)

## TOUT VA BIEN CABINET

### CAPISCO CHAIR

Featuring an unconventional shape that somewhat resembles a body embracing you in its outstretched arms, Capisco's liberally got your back! Available as a saddle seat, or equipped with a back and headrest, each fully customizable configuration allows you to adjust the chair in a variety of ways, putting to bed the commonly accepted myth that not one chair can be ergonomic for everyone.

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



### SOLAR BAGS



### RICE HUSK CUPS

Malaysian-based Melisom Biodegradable's ingenious ocha cups are made of rice husks via a newly patented manufacturing process. These cups not only allow for waste material to be converted into something wonderfully utilitarian, their materiality also takes on an attractive appearance akin to that of lacquer. The process of turning rice husks into ocha cups is green-friendly and economical - opening up a vast potential for the idea to be applied to other areas of design.

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There's plenty to love about these portable solar bags by Votac, but its reflex feature is undeniably its simplicity. Just add sun and you'll gather up to 15 watts of power from a day of direct sunlight which is powerful enough to fully charge a typical laptop. Who doesn't want to have an inexhaustible power source within easy reach?

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