



#### RARE / SLEEK

Look closely - This clever shelf unit also includes a pull-out chair. To deck this shelf out for your living space, try "finding design objects at cheap markets," offers Jentsch, in contrast the item's heftier price tag. Add old vases from the 30s or statuettes from the flea markets. "Another idea is to roughen it up; make it edgier to contrast with the sleek lines of the design." Wooden objects and a grouping of plants will achieve just that.

Shelf Life, Burgeon, ¥28,000, 6249-9510

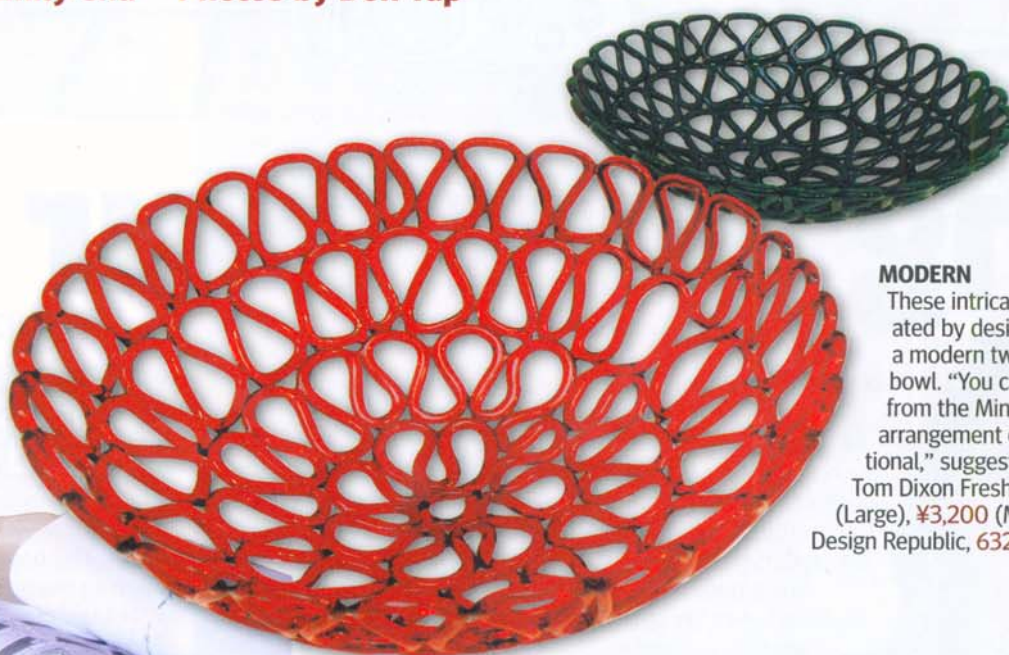


#### TRADITIONAL

Hanging a mirror in a room not only makes the room appear more spacious, but this charming mirror can also "be hung near a simple, modern sofa from B&B Italia," says Jentsch.

Mirror, Simply Life, 3406-0509 or 6397-5100

Design Director Stephan Jentsch shows you how to remove the "trend" from "trendy" to achieve an of-the-minute design. - Emily Chu Photos by Don Yap



#### MODERN

These intricate bowls of resin, created by designer Tom Dixon, take a modern twist to your typical fruit bowl. "You can set this on a piece from the Ming Dynasty for a fresh arrangement of modern and traditional," suggests Jentsch.

Tom Dixon Fresh Fat Bowl, ¥6,100 (Large), ¥3,200 (Medium), Design Republic, 6329-3339

## TOP4 Extreme Decor

To complete your trend with a signature "secondary" color item, check out these kitsch shopping options:

### 1 VERVIA

The psychedelic designs in this kaleidoscopic store await your finding. In intriguing shapes and dazzling colors, these in-house designed pieces blend European and Asian shapes and symbols to reflect the designer's heritage. A great place to discover small ornaments for any room. 5466-7832

### 2 Studio FH

Eyeing a signature chair by the likes of Mies van der Rohe, Michael Graves or Philippe Starck but can't afford one? Studio FH customizes replicas fit for your home and office -and your wallet. 6252-0082

### 3 FFDM

This new American lifestyle inte-

riors company carries a wide collection of fine furniture. If you're looking for that glamorous dark oak sleigh bed or that beautiful boudoir, this is the place to go. 5180-1288

### 4 Antique Markets / Flea Markets

Shanghai's great history makes it a heaven for interior design.

Plan for a weekend of rummaging in this city's various antique and flea markets, where you may discover the perfect piece to polish up an empty corner. Be patient and sift through what's available—aside from discovering that hidden treasure for your home or office, you may come across a surprising find, inspiring a whole new trend of your own.