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### Designing & Accessorizing with Red!

It's Valentine's Day and all over the country florists and Fed-Ex trucks are slip sliding away trying to deliver that special something to that special someone. Chances are those packages will be wrapped or "bow-ed" in red. It was because of the holiday that we first decided to do a special **feature on the color red**, but then all this white stuff started falling, and we decided that whether your **ventral tegmental** is being tickled or not, we all needed a burst of red on the scene.

So we put it to designers: Why do you like working with the color red -- and how does it impact a person's environment. Wow. What a loaded question. We'll be posting more of these responses as we receive them -- and would love to hear from you too -- show us just how much your ventral tegmental is impacted by the color red!

ELIZABETH MOORE Interior Designer & Owner of **Frootes** and contestant on **Bravo's Top Design**, tells us she loves talking color:

Red is scientifically a color that has a slower wave length, so therefore slows one down. This is why it is good in the dinning room and eating areas. Red in the guest bathroom is good as well -- as evidenced by this red tile floor. (People need to take their time in these rooms...)

The color is a root color on the spectrum of chakra colors, therefore it is established with the sensations and aspects of what essentially are the equivalent of your **ROOTS**; your past, the things we do as a matter of geneological make up passed on from your cultural roots. It is a very powerful and subconscious color. In Feng Shui, (not that I am an expert) it is a color that has strong power and needs to be used in certain room only as an accent. Too much red can get you in touch with your ghosts, so to speak....



Every house needs red, even if only on the outside! as it keeps one grounded and is supposed to provide a portal to aspects of financial abundance ...

We'll be posting more designer responses -- so check back frequently!

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### Ascot Studios



*A new gallery in the UK makes art accessible in the countryside, and shuns the nose-in-the-air attitude many galleries court...*

Ascot Studios is an industrial, contemporary art gallery set in the beautiful and historic village of Ribchester in the Ribble Valley, Lancashire.

Specializing in original art available for purchase for homes and businesses, Ascot shows the work of emerging artists in a regularly changing exhibitions throughout the year.

There are eight resident artists with a wide range of work on steel, wood and canvas. Among them are the acclaimed artists Angela Wakefield, John Rotherham and Edward Foster. Commissioned artwork can be undertaken to suit any budget or timescale.

The gallery is within an Industrial North Light Building - an old textile mill. The original features of the mill have been incorporated into the space - such as the high ceilings & cast iron pillars, but it is the enormous amount of natural light that lends itself perfectly for the exhibition and production of large scale artwork.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday, 11am to 5pm.

More information is available at [ascotstudios.com](http://ascotstudios.com) or by calling 01254 878100.

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### The best Rivage



If you're not one for lounging poolside, Triconfort's Rivage line of outdoor furniture -- with it's long, sleek, and refined lines -- may inspire you to grab a cocktail and head for the patio.

Sitting on an aluminum frame, Rivage's chairs, loungers, dining and occasional tables can be customized with eight laquer and eight protex shades.

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#### Green Love

I know we just met but I'm already hoping you'll move in. Your bed looks so relaxing, your dining table is so stable and inviting, your side tables just seem so wonderfully functional. Best of all though, I like your ideas. We both care about the environment, and your use of reclaimed wood to create something new and beautiful, well it's very impressive. What do you say? Will you come to my house?

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**Avalisa Wall Art**

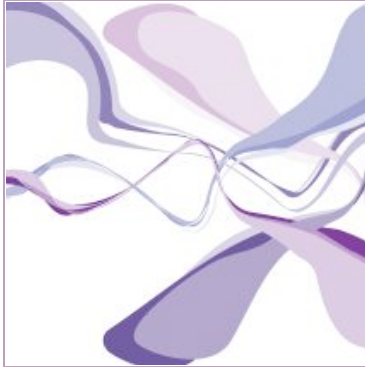


Modern art for adults and tots, **Avalisa** stretched canvas art dresses bare walls with whimsical patterns, colors and abstract designs.

The Animal collection features graphic pandas, horses, fish, penguins and more but I think my



favorite is the cows. Just choose the picture you want, and don't worry about the color--you can have any image in a variety of colors all shown on the site.



The Color Blocks and Names collections are customizable. With Color Blocks you choose your color, image, font and wording to create one of a kind art for the ones you love. Names is a collection of abstract art inspired by names--choose from the already set creations or let them come up with a custom design just for your name.

These make buying art easy. You can group pictures by color, Avalisa suggests buying the same print in different colors, or different prints in the same colors. Some, like the Series collection work as a single pattern broken down to several canvasses. If you buy more than one and line them up, you'll see how the lines connect from one piece to the next.

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### **New outdoor lighting**



Momantai Design is back after unveiling their new outdoor lamps at Cologne -- and I think I love them!

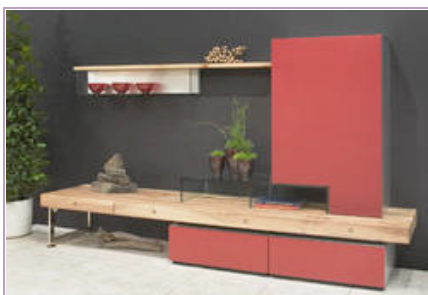
Designed by Ulrike Jurklies, the stainless steel splash and dust-proof lamps were made specially for the furniture fair.

You can order them at **Momantai**.

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### **The Geometric C in Entertainment Centers**



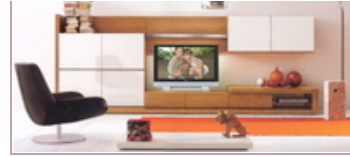
Technology continues to drive home furnishing trends with entertainment centers and home theater units offering sliding doors to hide flat screen televisions or collapsing altogether into a simple streamlined buffet. In another twist, look for the Geometric "C" -- which dramatically and asymmetrically frames the flatscreen.

Swiss company **MAB** juxtaposes the über-modern materials of glass and glistening metal with planks of solid and knotty wood to remind us that no matter how futuristic the technology, the home needs to be warm.

Italian manufacturer **Pianca** takes a similar



approach with its clean lines, low silhouette, and generous use of wood such as this rich African walnut which is similar in shade to teak, steel accents and high gloss lacquered fronts.



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**Get a Kick out of Kiki**



We wrote about Italy's **NOVO** last November and its fascinating **Cubetto** collection. Now the Tuscan design house is introducing Kiki, a whimsical chair from Simona Cappellini. The open, barrel-shaped frame with the substantial base is solid beech -- and comes in a variety of finishes and fabrics. It's not yet available in the States, but the price in Europe is about €1100 (\$1500 +shipping) depending on fabric.

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