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Here's a sampling of our favorites from the show that are likely to show up in boutiques and pop-up stores in the near future:

Eclectic kitchens: The hippest Montreal kitchens have dispensed with those sharp, sleek straight lines that have been the standard of Italian kitchen design for decades. Now it's all about undulating lines, soft pastel colours and sensual curves. "A new concept that's evolving breaks with these straight lines. We play with curves and curves. The corners are rounded. We're not afraid to have fun" said Luca Fellini, of Fellini Designs on St. Laurent Blvd., which carries the Cucine line of kitchen cabinets. The all-white kitchen is still popular. So is the punch of cabinets in orange, apple green, azure and yellow. But Fellini says the latest colours to show up in cutting-edge European kitchens are lilac, plum and pastels. A full kitchen starts at \$15,000. www.fellinidesigns.com
31 St. Laurent Blvd.
514-849-8133

Modular carpet tiles: Interface's tiles are beautiful and durable. Both the nylon surface and backing are made from up to 72 per cent recycled materials. The company takes back all its products at the end of their life and cycles them back into new products. The tiles are affixed using an environmentally friendly non-glue adhesive.

many colours, including punchy pinks, purples, greens and yellows, stripes, and a graphic daisy pattern. The price, installed, is between \$3 and \$4.50 a square foot. www.interfaceflor.ca

Translucent resin panels: These Veritas Collection panels, available through the Canadian distributor Octopus Products Ltd., are made from recycled resin. They can be used in place of glass, as room dividers or in kitchen cabinets. Bamboo twigs, dried flowers, moss, lace and textiles are sandwiched between layers of resin, then heated and fused. The effect is organic and ethereal. Starting at \$20 a square foot. www.veritasideas.com

Brollite lamps: These handmade lamps, with their recycled bases and painted or embroidered shades are designed and manufactured in Montreal at designer Alexandre Brault's atelier, near the Olympic Stadium. The coated paper shades feature one-of-a-kind organic forms painted with permanent inks and resins, evocative of underwater scenes from a pond in spring. Floor lamps sell for \$1,800 a pair. Table lamps with turned wood or glazed concrete bases in charcoal, green and sepia tones go for \$350 to \$400. www.brollite.com
2063 Aird Ave. Studio 415
(by appointment)
514-254-1969

Fatboy chairs: You've got to sit in it to believe it. These playful over-

had a thing for tin cans, using them to store pencils or plant flowers around his apartment. For his ecodesign class, he took his tin-can recycling to a higher level, creating a tiered chandelier and suspended within each other by a series of chains. So far, he's just made the one prototype, and it isn't priced. www.mohammadhaidar.com

Fine concrete?: Till now, concrete has had a rough, heavy, industrial reputation. But the designers and mould-makers at the upstart Montreal atelier m3beton Inc. have made their concrete sinks, tables, wall panels, floor tiles (even dog bowls and picture frames) thinner, finer and lighter by working their concrete slabs to a half-inch thickness. They design shallow lavatory-style sinks and back-splashes in light and dark polished finishes tinted with colour pigment. Wall panels get unusual dimpled and corrugated surfaces (created, for example, by pressing Styrofoam onto the wet concrete to leave a bubble pattern). "We like the raw, rough nature of concrete, but we like finesse and refinement, too," said mould maker Jérôme Gagnon. The cost: \$115 to \$150 a square foot, depending on the complexity of the mould. A long, custom-made double sink could run \$5,000. Design m3beton Inc. m3beton.ca
1265 des Carrieres St.
(by appointment)
514-799-2866



NATHALIE GUEZ
Montreal furniture designer Nathalie Guez designed a chair called Myriam (\$6,500) in honour of her mother, who died last February. It's bold, white, very sculptural and comfortable. You can sit on it straight or sideways, with your legs hanging over. For info, call 514-583-9778 or email nathalie@nathalieguez.com.