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## LOOK BOOK AT WANTEDDESIGN

WantedDesign launched Look Book in 2018 as a new dedicated program for high-end North American designers and entrepreneurs who want to connect with interior designers and architects at WantedDesign Manhattan. Serving as an in-person portfolio, Look Book allows members of the A&D community to connect with designers in their own exhibit spaces and shop the latest products before, during and after WantedDesign. 10 studios have been selected to be a part of Look Book 2019, the second edition of this program, presented at WantedDesign Mahattan with Surface magazine.

**The Look Book catalog serves all year long as a guide for sourcing the best of the locally designed and made products.**

### A note from Ryan Waddoups

*News Editor, Suface Magazine*

*For emerging design studios, reaching interior designers and architects actively seeking the latest and greatest new products can be one of the most daunting challenges of entering the industry. Not only does WantedDesign's Look Book program make that crucial connection, it also affords these independent makers their own time to shine during NYCxDESIGN—all while enabling them to create meaningful new connections with like-minded contemporaries. Tying it all together is an unwavering devotion to upholding the time-honored traditions that give North American craftsmanship its true staying power.*

## SURFACE



## AUTONOMOUS FURNITURE

Vancouver, BC, CANADA

Kirk Van Ludwig is the designer and founder of Autonomous Furniture, the contemporary Canadian design and build furniture company founded in 2013. Van Ludwig is known for disrupting the modern home and commercial environment with dramatically contemporary furnishings, often built from the finest wood in the world mixed with various mediums such as steel and acrylics. The studio likes to challenge the standards of modernity with refined lines and unexpected angles that heighten the sophistication and drama of any given space. The use of materials are carefully considered and sustainably sourced through Van Ludwig travels and love for nature.

[autonomousfurniture.com](http://autonomousfurniture.com)  
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## EVAN Z. CRANE

Brooklyn, NY, USA

Evan Z. Crane is a Brooklyn born designer and manufacturer of fine furnishings. Growing up in south Brooklyn the industrial landscape had a profound effect on him. He immersed himself in the stark geometry of his surroundings. Drawing upon that inspiration to fuel his vision, he creates not just furniture but functional sculptures imbued with personality. Every aspect of a piece is derived from a vision that cannot be reasoned with. In his heart Evan believes that if he stays true to his vision, the work will not only speak for itself, but live on with its own personality, long after it has left his workshop. Still fully immersed in the industrial landscape, he produces furniture from his studio in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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## KELLY HARRIS SMITH

Boston, MA, USA

Kelly Harris Smith is an independent designer and creative director specializing in the application of natural and sustainable materials in commercial and residential interior design. Balancing intricacy and simplicity, Smith's designs are distinctive for pattern, color and innovative functionality. Whether she's creating small accessories or large interior architecture installations, Smith begins her design process with a thoughtful analysis of how people will interact with the product or environment. As a co-founder of FilzFelt, she was Creative Director and VP of Design for Spinneybeck | FilzFelt, a Knoll, Inc. the brand focused on wool felt, leather, and cork interior products. Kelly trained as an architect at Northeastern University.

Kelly Harris Smith is introducing new designs made in collaboration with three different companies that utilize natural cork and recycled/upcycled cotton textiles.

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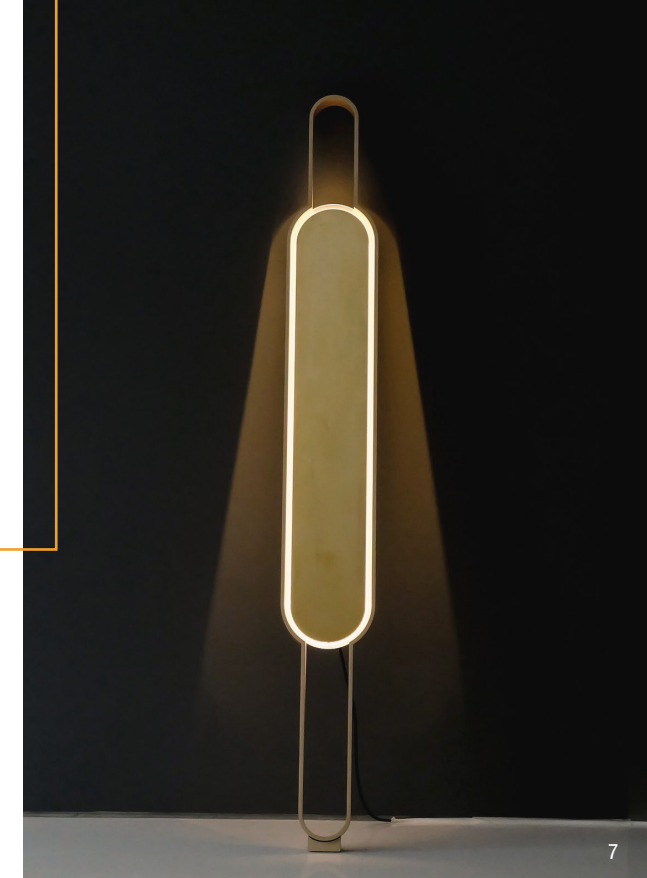


## LAKE + WELLS

Chicago, IL, USA

Born in Chicago, Lake + Wells Studio brings stories to life in artisan-made furniture, lighting, and objects. Marrying age-old, living materials and hand-crafted methodologies with modern elements and technology, the husband-and-wife studio's principle desire is to discerningly bring forth fresh, evocative designs in timeless form. Lake & Wells products are hand made, made-to-order, and crafted using traditional techniques. This results in pieces that are imbued with just enough hand-touched imperfection to make each one subtly unique and purposefully one-of-a-kind. The studio is introducing Portal, the new collection of sculptural lighting floor lamp.

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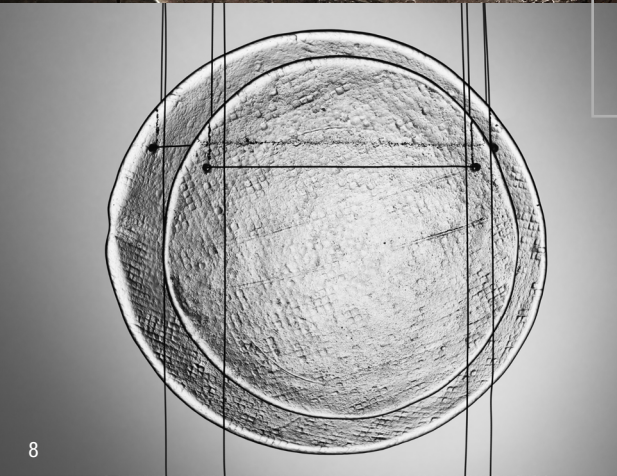
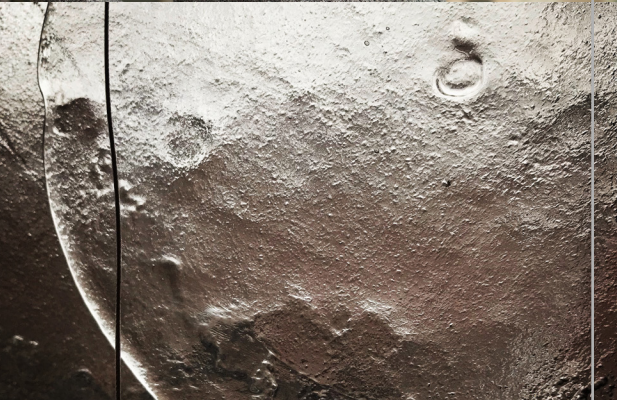
## LOREKFORM

Brooklyn, NY, USA

LOREKFORM is a new studio from Brooklyn, NY that explores the expressive nature of light. Working with a small team of artists and makers from across the country, the studio creates simple objects from honest materials that are uniquely beautiful at all times of day.

In this first series layers of texture are folded into the tool making process itself, resulting in pieces of cast glass that both collect and refract the light. These organically created forms are then offered in a clean, modular fashion; allowing the work to be styled in any number of ways.

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## OVUUD

Philadelphia, PA, USA

OVUUD is owned and operated by Benjamin Gillespie - a Philadelphia based lighting and furniture designer. The stylistically pure aesthetic of OVUUD flows naturally from Benjamin's background in carpentry, metalworking, and engineering. This combination results in a diverse set of Scandinavian-inspired pieces that are individually distinctive yet cohesive as a collection. The primary focus of OVUUD is to utilize next-generation lighting technology to its fullest potential, thereby unlocking new approaches to how a lamp can look, feel and function. The studio provides custom lighting and furniture that gives a captivating visual impression without being overwhelming. The Mobius pendant, a sculptural wooden pendant made by a process called free-form bent lamination, is the latest in the collection.

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## SCOUT DECOR

Toronto, ON, Canada

Pairing her love of design and skills in marketing, Hope Rennie founded Scout Decor in Toronto, Canada and soon afterward joined forces with long time friend and designer Kate Rogers to create an exclusive line of wall coverings and textiles.

From minimal, modern line-work to bold, vivid botanicals, each of Scout's unique designs are influenced by a voracious appetite for travel and the discovery of new forms, patterns and palettes of colors that leave the most lasting impressions.

Kate's years of life abroad and her studies in textile arts set the precedence for each new composition and the ever-welcome challenge of bringing dimension, depth and new life to each surface.

Scout's ultimate goal: to work directly with designers, architects and their clients to realize their perfect space, customizing their designs to meet the unique needs of each project and personality along the way.

Featured in the April 2019 issue of Style At Home Magazine, their prints can already be found adorning residential and commercial spaces in Canada, the US and London, UK. All of Scout's products are designed and produced in Toronto and Montreal, Canada.

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## SYMBOL AUDIO

Nyack, NY, USA

Symbol Audio is a project developed by Blake Tovin, Founder and Creative Director of Tovin Design Limited, a furniture design licensing studio located in New York's Hudson Valley. In 2012, Tovin and a small team of designers who share an interest in music and audio, began handcrafting modern HIFI consoles and vinyl LP storage cabinets in the tradition of fine furniture. Since its launch, the Symbol collection has expanded to include eight product lines built around three categories that can be used together or independently - audio consoles, vinyl storage, and audio racks and stands. Each piece of furniture is crafted from solid wood and provides a level of craftsmanship and design that will last a lifetime. Symbol's products are valued not only for their high-quality construction but also the ability to customize finishes and configurations to best meet their clients' specific needs.

[symbolaudio.com](http://symbolaudio.com)  
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## WILLOW & STUMP

Vancouver, BC, CANADA

Willow & Stump is a multidisciplinary design studio focused on creating meaningful products and furniture designed to function in our modern world. Partners Kaly Ryan and Bram Sawatzky are Industrial Designers based in Vancouver, Canada. Initially inspired by the constraints of designing products and furniture for small spaces, the pair co- founded Willow & Stump in 2014 to meet the needs of others looking for products designed to be as elegant as they are functional. Kaly and Bram consistently seek ways to provide value in their products through material choice, designing for longevity, and creating multifunctional pieces. Experimenting and pushing boundaries in material and design choice within this framework is central to their creative process.

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## YUKO NISHIKAWA

Brooklyn, NY, USA

Born in Tokyo, raised in Philadelphia, Yuko Nishikawa is a designer and ceramic artist now based in Brooklyn, NY, creating sculptural lighting, installations, and fantastical objects.


Working for years on functional objects for the home and interior design, Yuko encountered clay, a material that opened up wider expressions and experiments for her. At first, bowls and then vases, which lead her to develop artisan collections for Calvin Klein Home and Anthropologie. Then in 2017, she took a sabbatical to work on collaborations for retail and hospitality clients, including Halifax, a restaurant in W Hotel Hoboken, and The James New York, all the while exhibiting artwork and installations through galleries and retailers in Milan, New York, and New Jersey.

In 2018, she established a design and art company specializing in sculptural lighting and installations.

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**Richard Clarkson Studio**  
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## ABOUT WANTEDDESIGN

With its marquee events during NYCxDESIGN in May, WantedDesign is a platform dedicated to promoting design and fostering the international creative community at large throughout the year.

Founded in New York City in 2011 by Odile Hainaut and Claire Pijoulat, WantedDesign has established itself as a constant and staunch supporter of U.S. and international design via events, conversations, and partners and its yearly programming aims to nurture New York City's design dialogue.

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