postcard from PARIS

When the French style set speaks, the design crowd listens – especially at prestigious trade fair Maison et Objet. We present our top picks from the city of lights



PASSE-MURAILLES BY FRÉDÉRIQUE MORREL

Pardon the pun, but oh, my dear! Whether you label Frédérique Morrel's life-sized needlework trophy heads as eye-popping insanity or artistic genius, there's no denying that these elaborate sculptures scream serious wow factor. Made from a polyurethane base, vintage needlework tapestries and found deer antlers, each handcrafted creation features intricately detailed illustrations. For a further look, visit www.frederiguemorrel.com.



This tophy is 'decycled' – A ONCE-NEGLECTED POPULAR ARTIFACT GIVEN A WHOLE NEW LIFE CYCLE

TITIKAKA BENCH BY NAOTO FUKASAWA FOR B&B ITALIA Slatted timber is migrating from architecture to furniture, as B&B Italia's new outdoor collection demonstrates. We're singing the praises of Japanese designer Naoto Fukasawa, who has created a sculptural seat that contradicts the rigid form of outdoor benches with sinuous curves that continue to the floor. Look out for this shapely seat at Space; visit www.spacefurniture.com.au for details.



PROVA PRIMA BY PAOLA NAVONE FOR RICHARD GINORI 1735

The display by Italian design darling Paola Navone, the newly appointed creative director of Richard Ginori I735, featured hundreds of brightly patterned porcelain saucers and bowls from the latest range (left), the simplicity of which belies its craftsmanship. Visit www. richardginoril735.com or www. paolanavone.it for more info.

Le Deun Luminaires' TAKE ON LED LIGHTING IS ELEGANT, TASTEFUL AND SIMPLE

LED LIGHTING BY LE DEUN LUMINAIRES

Luxe lighting may be lovely, but if it isn't low-energy, forget about it! Luckily, French design house Le Deun Luminaires is fiercely passionate about showcasing eco-friendly LED lights in a sophisticated manner. "The idea is to not be ashamed to expose the LED light bulbs, which are usually hidden. Instead, we make a feature of them," explains showroom manager Philippe Dufour-Loriolle. Visit www.ledeun.enjoythis.co.uk.



'ASTACK' CANDLEHOLDERS BY HELGO FOR DANISH CRAFTS

Children take delight in stackable toys and games – but why should they have all the fun? Combining sturdy little beechwood bottoms with sleek aluminium candle cups, these stackable candleholders invite you to mix colours and shapes to your heart's content. Go on, stack it! For more details, visit www.craftscollection.dk.



