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18. COLLAPSE & RECOVER

Ever-Inventive Freshwest has produced a concept chair that collapses as you approach and rights itself a few moments later. Fascinating to watch. www.freshwest.co.uk

19. WONDER WALL

At 100% Design, Johanna Blaxford's Black and White Wonderland wallpaper created an elaborate tangle of oversized botanicals and birds. www.johannablaxford.com

20. DEEP FOREST

Also at 100% Design, Istanbul's Ilio launched its homeware and furniture lines. The Forest glass range is one of the brand's many thoughtful collections. www.ilio.eu

21. OUT OF AFRICA

Patty Johnson's designs for Botswana-based company Mabon include the Maun Windsor chair (below), well-crafted bowls and cabinets. www.mabonfurniture.com

22. MAJOR STUDIO

Studio Lawrence showcased various versions of its Last Supper table and Raising Lights. www.studiolawrence.com



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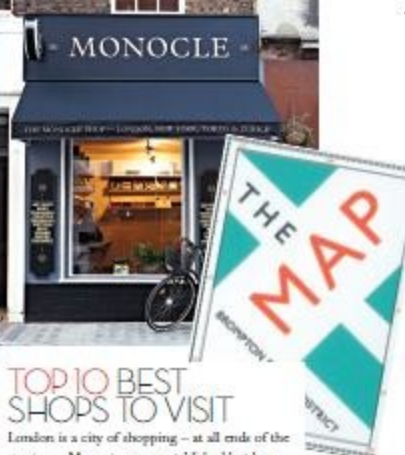
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TOP 10 BEST SHOPS TO VISIT

London is a city of shopping—at all ends of the spectrum. Many stores are established but have not lost, or have regained, their cool. Others are new and have quickly made their presence felt on the retail scene. As part of the London Design Festival, there were various one-off 'Pop Up' shops (temporary installations). Notable was Decode London (www.decode-london.com) and Pet Hein Eick's collaboration with Rabih Hage gallery (www.rabih-hage.com), which showcased his amazing angular jugs.

One shopping favourite has to be **Priscilla Carluccio's Few & Far** (www.fewandfar.net)—a fantastic mix of vintage and artisan products, including a delightful selection of kids' toys. Next up was **Ryantown** (a far cry from Priscilla's Brompton Road emporium) located in the newly fashionable Fiat End, on Columbia Road, home to the famous flower market.

Ryantown is a tiny boutique belonging to artist Rob Ryan—famous for his whimsical cut-out artworks. Luckily, you can also buy online at www.misternib.co.uk. **The Cooran Shop** (www.cooranshop.co.uk) had a very beautiful exhibition to reflect the launch of *Temera Cosme's Inspiration*. The main theme in this book had been turned into products by designers from around the world, with unexpected and wonderful results.

Other shops worth visiting in no particular order: **Liberty**, Great Marlborough Street, W1 (www.liberty.co.uk); **Habitat**, 121-123 Regent Street, W1 (www.habitat.co.uk); **Mint**, 70 Wigmore Street, W1 (www.mintshop.co.uk); the new **Established & Sons** showroom at 5-7 Wenlock Road N1 (www.establishedandsons.com); **Skandium**, 247 Brompton Road, SW3 (www.skandium.com); and **Monocle**, 2A George Street, W1 (www.monocle.com). +

