



MICRO TREND DIP DYE Also big in fashion in recent seasons, dip-dyed effects have translated beautifully to interiors. Designers have moved away from the romantic hippy feel, though, and gone for a graphic, almost spray-painted look. The hero piece is Ercol's blue-blitzed love seat; we also love Berlin-based designer Judith Seng's 'Trift' stools and the 'Culswick' ombre throw from Designers Guild.

From left 'Culswick' throw by Designers Guild (designersguild.com), 'Trift' stools by Judith Seng (judithseng.de), Loveseat by Ercol (ercol.com)



Wood notes One of the standout pieces at this year's Milan Furniture Fair was Swedish trio Front's dramatic 'Inlay' cabinet for Porro. It shows exactly why wood is such a prized material right now, using the ancient inlay technique to create a thoroughly modern piece. Oak in four natural colours is used in geometric sections on a large cabinet and chest of drawers, their plain shapes providing the perfect foil for the eye-popping surface pattern. A lifetime investment if ever we saw one (porro.com).

'Contemporary design with a traditional touch and a spoonful of handicraft is what's working in Sweden.'

Svante Öquist, editor-in-chief,
ELLE Interior Sweden

'For historical and political reasons, China had a cultural break in the 20th century, which meant that today's design generation had no example to follow. So now, the big trend is for reinterpreted tradition and culture.'

Yan Mi, editorial director, ELLE Decoration China



**NAME TO WATCH
Luca Nichetto**



Having grown up on the island of Murano with a grandfather who was a master glassblower, it's no wonder that Luca Nichetto gravitated towards the design world, nor that one of his latest launches is a glass vase for Murano manufacturer Venini. The in-demand designer now has a second studio in Stockholm to add to his base in northern Italy; you can see the Swedish influence in his clean-lined pieces. This year, he's worked with an impressive range of brands, from Foscarini to Established & Sons. For the latter, he's designed the 'Dame' light, a domed pendant inspired by Murano glass lanterns. 'It's made of polypropylene, which is usually used for luggage,' he explains. A typically original idea from a designer with a bright future (lucanichetto.com).

'Metro' sofa by Luca Nichetto for Emmegi (emmegiseating.com),
'Timeline' bowls by Luca Nichetto for Skultuna (skultuna.com)