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Here's a green hamper on how to revamp your abode the biodegradable way

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**F**ast food furniture – mass-produced pieces that need no assistance in assembling, may have been the answer to design dilemmas but here's a new perspective – we like to call it gourmet living: Products that are sustainable and allow you the freedom to customise them to your individual needs. Existence is discursive but going ecological is imperative. We've got all parts of your home covered...read on to reduce your carbon footprints.



## DINING



### PAPERPULP SIDEBOARDS

One man's trash is another's treasure. And what may have been waste paper otherwise, turned out to be the core ingredient for Dutch designer Debbie Wijskamp's take on redundant buffets. Experiments with old newspapers resulted in a material that could be easily moulded to form sturdy shelving. With the option of detaching sections to work as free-standing storage, we find our space coveting this.  
*Website: [www.debbiewijskamp.com](http://www.debbiewijskamp.com)*

## KITCHEN

### GRANDMA'S REVENGE

Inspired by dressers of yore, this kitchenette made from cardboard sheets by German students, Melanie Olle and Iija Oelschlagel is a smart take on elevation drawings. The 3D version transforms into a dining room – just pull out the lamp, table and chairs to create a cosy nook. What's more, it hides essential appliances and has plenty of storage too!

*Website: [www.iljaoelschlaegel.com](http://www.iljaoelschlaegel.com)*



## FLEXDRIVE

Sink in, wirelessly adjust with a range of back, head, knee and leg regulators and let the mattress take your shape. Still need convincing? Then hear this – made from rubber tree sap, organic oils, plant extracts and water, the world's only natural foam by Canada-based Essentia, is known to reduce respiratory problems and induce blood circulation.

Website: [www.myessentia.com](http://www.myessentia.com)

### BEDROOM



### BATHROOM

## ORBIS SHOWER MODULE

Eco Man is on a mission to save the planet and after an intense battle with Chemical Cruel and Dr Plastic, it's time to get clean. While we may opt for conventional fixtures, nothing less than a portable, sleek cubicle will do for our superhero! Replete with energy saving LED lights that don't ever need replacing and controlled water flow that prevents wastage, this smart unit by Australian designer Hugh Thomas for Dolop allows you to personalise it to your needs by adding extra sprays and glass panels.

Website: [www.dolop.com](http://www.dolop.com)

## OI MODULAR SOFA

Put different shaped blocks together to customise your couch, and when bored just switch them around. Yes, it's Lego for adults. Available in pop colours and made entirely of recycled polyester and soy-based foam, this eight seater by Craig Alun Smith for Canadian company Cocoon packs into a 30" box, making for super easy storage. Furniture, sure can be fun!

Website: [www.ilikeoi.com](http://www.ilikeoi.com)

### LIVING ROOM

