

SHOWN: Three Loretta X shelving modules, \$1065 each.



The Big Easy

Big Blue Industrial's new line of stackable furniture modules can be used individually or endlessly restacked into new identities: coffee tables, a series of shelves, benches. Their simple lines and progressive use of elegant materials inspire one to create. Constructed of hardwood veneer core plywood; available in cherry, maple, or walnut. Big Blue Industrial (414) 278-7711.

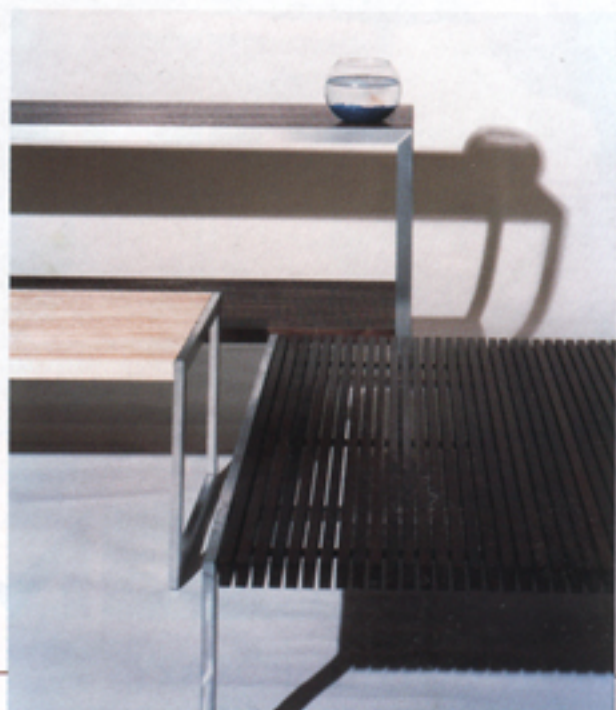


Hi-Tech Paper Lanterns

Industrial designer Brent Markee has a fascination with deconstructing conical forms and creating shapes using sheet materials held in tension. Beginning with simple lanterns created out of a single sheet of paper, Brent evolved his designs through the use of high-tech materials and processes to create unique lamps of clear anodized aluminum with white polycarbonate inner cones. The resulting effect is a modern take on the *Bubble* lamp, and very striking. Available through Resolute (206) 343-9323.

Modern Classics for Tomorrow

Although they had often designed furniture on behalf of their clients, 32-year old art director Francesco Casanova and interior designer and set decorator Charlotte Bjorlin, 29, of casanova/bjorlin felt a need to create without the compromises. "We asked ourselves - why is everyone going retro - reinterpreting the classics, instead of paving new ways, creating modern classics for tomorrow?" The result is a strong, yet sensuous collection of furniture for the well-educated, well-traveled, and somewhat well-to-do consumer. The *Optic* line (shown below) includes sleek, streamlined consoles; a low-slung, square coffee table; and benches/occasional tables, all in slatted hardwood, floating in silvery, brushed aluminum frames. Versions in teak, treated for outdoor use, are underway. (310) 823-8831.



Big Eyes

True to their name, these binoculars are big - very big! Weighing over 25 pounds and measuring over 25"Lx10"H, they are packed with top quality multi-coated optics - perfect for viewing the sweeping vista from your modern home. Available on aluminum tripods or wooden bases. Big Eyes Binoculars (248) 342-4244.



New ESU

A product introduced well before its time, the Eames Storage Unit (ESU) was more than just a storage cabinet; it was a storage cabinet that helped establish a whole new design aesthetic, one that pushed the vernacular of new materials and manufacturing processes. With the *ESU* line, modestly priced, steel-frame, modular units could be infinitely combined according to the needs of the user. Newly reintroduced by Herman Miller, the *ESU* is available again in five configurations in two color choices. As shown: \$2,437.50. Available through Deco Echoes (508) 362-3822.

