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# Twenty-one Under Thirty-five



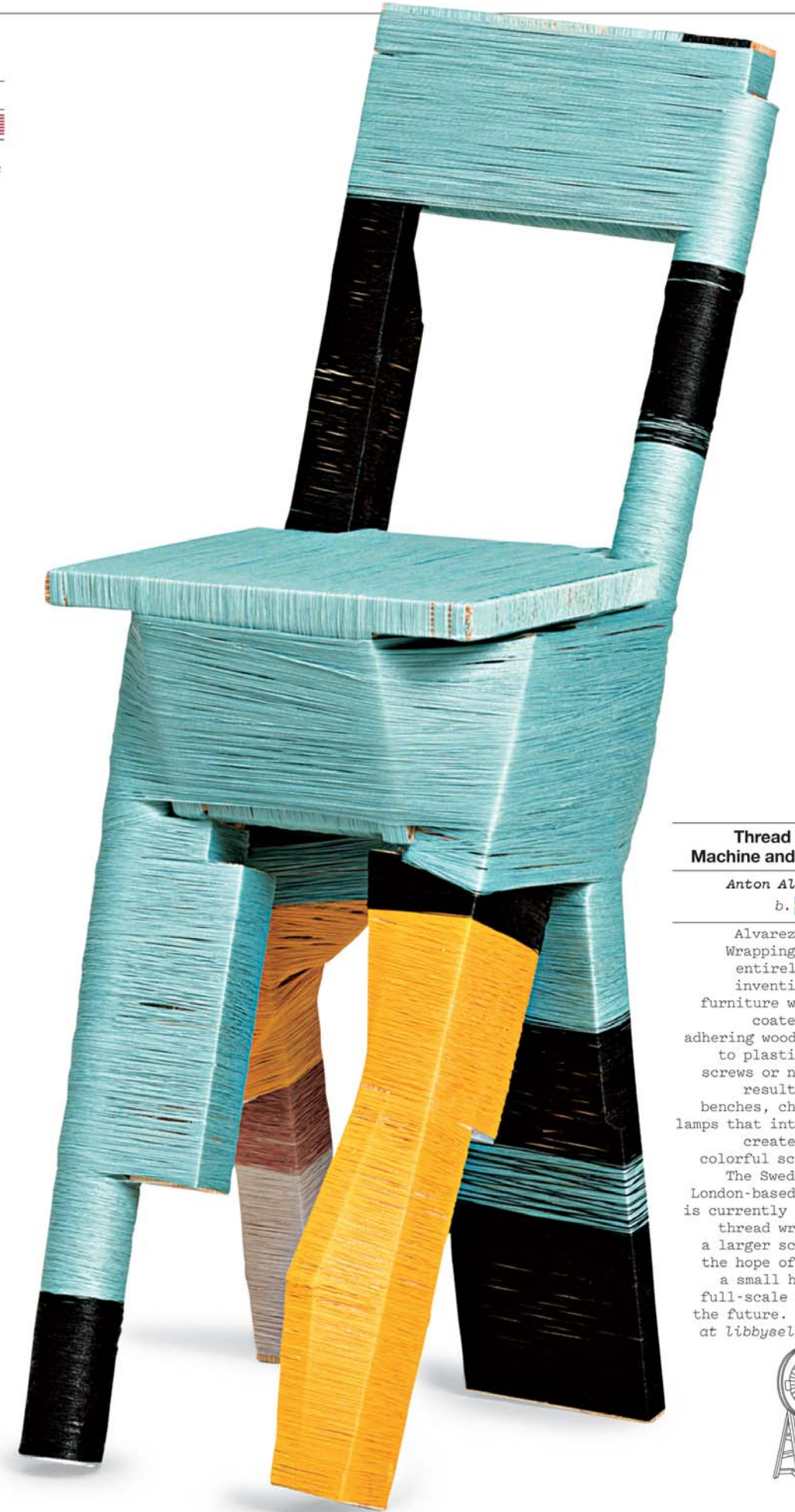
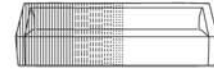
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### The Blur Sofa

Marc Thorpe, 35 

Thorpe spent three years making the fabric for this couch, in collaboration with the Holland-based Innofa Fabrics. They used a computer program he developed that translates each pixel from a digital image into a stitch point. The result is an ombre effect that appears, at first glance, to be dyed. \$7,070 at morosousa.com.



### Thread Wrapping Machine and Furniture

Anton Alvarez, 33  
b.  

Alvarez's Thread Wrapping Machine, entirely his own invention, binds furniture with glue-coated thread, adhering wood to steel to plastic without screws or nails. The result: stools, benches, chairs, and lamps that interlock to create massive, colorful sculptures. The Swedish-born, London-based designer is currently exploring thread wrapping on a larger scale, with the hope of building a small house or a full-scale bridge in the future. From £750 at libbyseillers.com.





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### Wooden Lightbulb

Ryosuke Fukusada, 34 ●

What looks like solid wood is actually an LED bulb wrapped in a wooden shell that has been chipped to a minimum thickness using the Japanese Rokuro technique. "The bulbs are handmade by turning pine on a lathe and carving away with a special knife, until the bulb is between two to three millimeters thick," Fukusada explains. Available in December; \$2,700 at [ledon-lamp.com](http://ledon-lamp.com).

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### Ren Table

Ifeanyi Oganwu, 34

b.  l. 



Nigerian-born Oganwu sculpted this table from Carrara marble using CNC milling technology—meaning that a digital design was programmed into a milling machine with a five-axis robotic arm. Price on request through [contact@armelsoyer.com](mailto:contact@armelsoyer.com).

### Leaven Range Tableware

Simon Kinneir, 29





Designed to help those with sight loss achieve self-sufficiency in the kitchen. When the pitcher is close to full, it tips forward and rests on its outer black frame, alerting one to turn off the water. In prototype; [simonkinneir.co.uk](http://simonkinneir.co.uk).

### Moto Light

Jean-Baptiste Fastrez, 29





Fastrez created his Moto Light's Plexiglas shade using the techniques that go into making helmet visors and ski masks. Moto can be connected to an outlet or plugged directly into a light socket. Available in November; €230 at [moustache.fr](http://moustache.fr).

### Cause & Effect Buttons

Elliot Hartwell, 30





Hartwell's reimagining of the standard on/off button allows one to pump up a lamp, squeeze the volume, or dim a fan. Prototype; [elliiohartwell.com](http://elliiohartwell.com).

### Soft Light

Simon Frambach, 24





Shove this flexible lampshade, milled from a block of foamed polyurethane, into otherwise dark corners and gaps between furniture. Inspired by a calabash pumpkin. Prototype; [simon-frambach.com](http://simon-frambach.com).

### Table-Table

Sabine Marcelis, 28



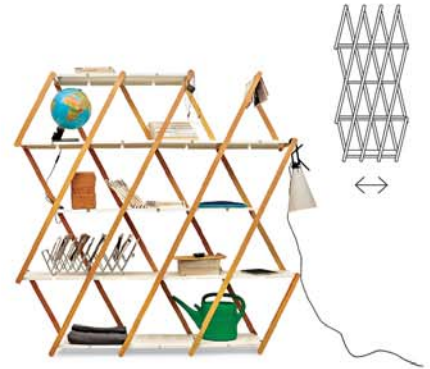


The table can be transparent or opaque with the flip of a switch, revealing or hiding its contents. Marcelis says, "When I lived in a tiny house I hated being confronted with my work at dinner." Inquire at [sabinemarcelis.com](http://sabinemarcelis.com).

### "Set" Shelving System

Stephanie Hornig, 27

b.  l. 



Austrian designer Hornig's shelving system is inspired by a woven-mesh-wire fence, and can be arranged in two different shapes. Available in April 2014, prices forthcoming. Inquire at [stephaniehornig.com](http://stephaniehornig.com).

### OXO Tot Booster Seat

Colin P. Kelly, 29, at Smart Design





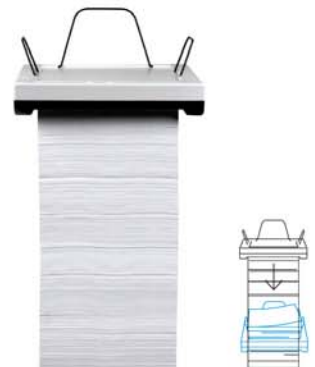


"It was a challenge finding the balance between the child's needs and the parents'," says Kelly of his booster seat, which has a three-inch cushion and backrest and folds to reveal a handle for easy toting. \$30 at [oxo.com](http://oxo.com).

### Stack Printer

Mugi Yamamoto, 25

b.  l. 



Tokyo-born, Swiss-raised, and Nuremberg-based Yamamoto's design-school project is an inkjet printer manufactured to rest on top of a pile of paper. As it prints, Stack moves down the pile. Prototype; [mugiyamamoto.com](http://mugiyamamoto.com).

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### Blush Radiator

Thorunn Arnadottir, 31



Made with thermochromatic paint, this blue radiator blushes red as the temperature rises. "I was inspired by images of vascular systems in vintage science books," Arnadottir says. *Prototype; thorundesign.com.*

### Royal Mahuida Tableware Collection

The Great Things to People (Gt2p)



Team: Tamara Pérez, 31; Sebastián Rosas, 34; Guillermo Parada, 32; Eduardo Arancibia, 32; Diana Duarte, 29; Victor Imperiale, 26; and Felipe Espinoza, 24



The multipiece bronze tableware collection is inspired by the geometry of Araucaria trees in Chile, and were cast in molds that the team developed from 3-D printed models. *Individual pieces from \$550 at galeriaaafa.com.*

### Echoic Vessel Cremation Urn

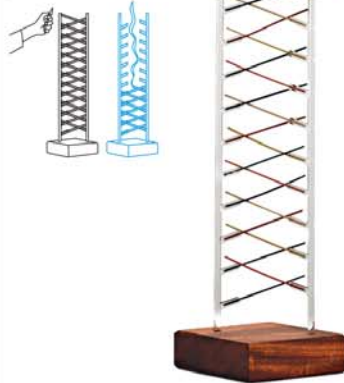
Dagny Rewera, 27



In addition to storing ashes of the deceased, Italian-born, London-based Rewera's urn lets you embed audio files in its surface (like a loved one's favorite song). *Made to order, from £2,500 at bornanidea.com.*

### Scent Timer

Ritika Karnani, 26



Emitting a new fragrance at regular intervals, this clock marks the passage of time with scent. Because the incense sticks cross, each burning stick ignites the one below it. *Six-hour timer, £575, or twelve-hour timer, £1,100, at ritika.me.*

### Share.Food Set

Bilge Nur Saltik, 25



Saltik's bowl, dish, and cup all feature V-shaped bases that encourage tipping and sharing. *£29 for cup, £49 for small bowl, £79 for main dish, £119 for large serving plate, at do-shop.com.*

### Monocle

Fabien Nauroy, 28,  
for Native Union



A speaker, a handset, and a speakerphone, compatible with any smartphone or laptop, the Monocle can be used at a personal or boom-box volume. *From \$49.99 at nativeunion/us.*

### M Lamp

David Irwin, 27, for Juniper



The nine-inch-tall LED lamp has an internal lithium battery, which lasts for more than twelve hours on a single charge, and automatically illuminates if power is lost in the home. *Available in December; \$220 at juniper-design.com.*

### Wellcare Vacuum Cleaner

Jeongwon Ji, 29



This vacuum cleaner was inspired by Korean temple cleaning traditions. "It sounds like the gentle rhythms of a ship horn," says Ji, who hails from Seoul and now lives in London. *Scheduled for production in 2015; jeongwonji.com.*

### The Verster Table

Doktor and Misses: Adriaan Hugo, 31,  
and Katy Taplin, 31



Named after the Victor Verster Prison, where Nelson Mandela was detained, this table is made of powder-coated mild steel and concrete. *Price on request; contact dokterandmisses.com.*