

SERVED COLD

Berlin's NOWlab studio based its Glacier table on Alaska's Mendenhall frozen river. The jagged underside of this 3D printed counter looks like the inside of a cave covered with icicles. When melted, it can take on other shapes, much like its muse.

Website: www.nowlab.de

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Couch Surfing

If you aren't for leather or polyurethane, try Czech maker Lucie Koldova's Corques sofa for Belgian brand Peruse. The seater is carved from cork repurposed from Portuguese bottle factories, while the bright colours are courtesy Kvadrat's Divina textile.

Website: www.peruse.be



GREEN ALERT

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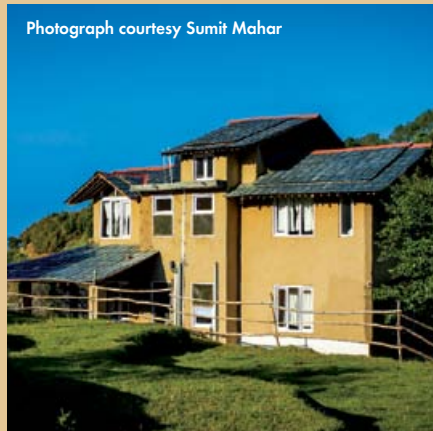


Bale Out

This natural perch is reminiscent of open fields. Italian firm Henry&Co combined grass and hay to form Ekolithos, using it as a cushion for the Chayr stool paired with beech wood legs.

Website: www.henryandco.it

Photograph courtesy Sumit Mahar



Bamboo and mud are the building blocks of this project

THOROUGHLY GROUNDED

Nestled in Kangra Valley, Himachal Pradesh is travel company Linger's Earth House created by architect Siddharth Menon. Built with sun dried mud bricks, stone and bamboo, the solar powered retreat was laid out in a grid such that two spaces share a wall, reducing material consumption. The eco-construction helps keep the place cool in summer and insulated in winter. "Since our site was located more than 20 minutes away from a motorable road, it made sense for us to use local materials," says the creative. "They also have the least ecological impact and helped make the indigenous community stakeholders in the process – money involved would circulate and strengthen the village population." Website: www.sidmenonarchitect.wordpress.com

Who thought fabric could ever be made out of citrus fruit! German designer Jessica Owusu Boakye fashioned the Red Dot award winning Carp from just that. Depending on the thickness, it can be transparent or opaque, and under the influence of heat, air and light, the marbled effect looks matte or glossy. Email: productdesign.carp@gmail.com