

Great Design

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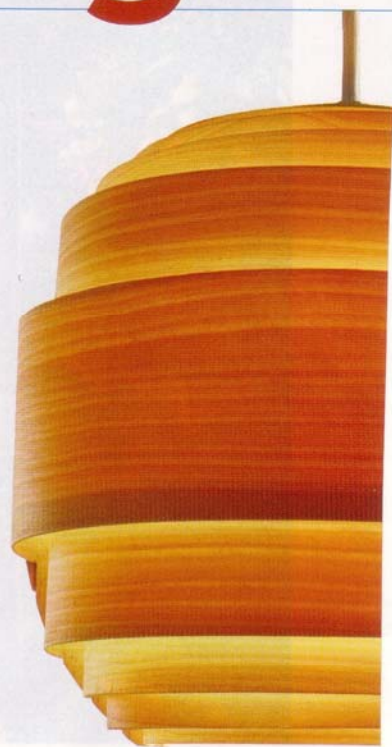
When it comes to excellent design, the most straightforward materials and simplest forms often make the biggest impact. On the following pages, we've selected a range of stylish items that prove that less—less fussy, less complicated, less pricey—truly is more.



Striped Platter

A graphic arched cherrywood platter, by German designer Ludwin Sartoris, costs \$45 at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art store (www.sfmoma.org).

"These candleholders are casual, simple, whimsical—and they're not overworked from a design standpoint."
—Margaret McCurry



Grain Calf Toothpick Case

Sumptuous mini cases by leather artisan Béatrice Amblard—a former designer at Hermès—go for \$95 at her shop, April in Paris (www.aprilinparis.us).



Stone Candleholders

Margaret McCurry likes the innovative French company Bleu Nature's \$95 Res-sac candleholders, from Lovell & Whyte in Lakeside, Michigan (269-469-5900).



Bright Table Linens

The \$58 striped table runners and \$17 napkins, from Tuscan Hills (609-921-9015) in Princeton, New Jersey, are favorites of designer John Barman's.