

# ELLE

CANADA

WOOD:  
Warm,  
wonderful  
and...local!

# DECORATION

COTTAGES:  
MORE STYLE,  
BEAUTY AND  
COMFORT,  
YES,  
BUT STILL  
EVER SO  
HUMBLE



ECO-INSPIRED  
HAVENS  
OF PEACE



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# Chock-a-Block

Tired of red, blue and green plastic? Fear not. There are now exquisite alternatives—durable, long-lasting, eco-friendly, attractive and educational—for little ones (and their parents) to enjoy.

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[1] This adorable counting game made up of 10 ladybugs with matching wooden discs, all coated in a protective mixture of beeswax and oil, was developed in Ontario for children aged three and up. (\$24, [de-hut.com](http://de-hut.com))

[2] — With 10 pieces of birch plywood weighing five kilograms, the Palm Desert house manages to support a weight of 135 kilograms once assembled. To paint or not to paint this jewel of British Columbia cabinetmakers: That is the question. (\$148, shipping included, [woodwoodtoys.ca](http://woodwoodtoys.ca))

[3] — This handmade beechwood rattle can help babies develop their motor skills and problem-solving abilities. (\$28, [iamwooden.shop](http://iamwooden.shop))



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[4] – Whatever your age, spinning tops never seem to lose their appeal. These ones are handcrafted from olive wood with a beeswax finish by artisans in Kalamata, Greece. (\$17, [hersin.gr](http://hersin.gr))

[5] – A blank canvas of seven matryoshkas in linden wood imported from Russia that you can decorate yourself! Sweet. (\$34, [nest.ca](http://nest.ca))

[6] – What makes this Petit Apprenti learning tower stand out from the competition? Its reversible board (magnetic on one side, dry erase on the other). The cherry plywood panel prevents the child from falling, while doubling as an easel. For every tower purchased, a tree is planted. (\$349, [petitapprenti.ca](http://petitapprenti.ca))



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[1] – This puzzle reproduces the famous 16-animal assemblage by designer Enzo Mari, “the critical conscience of Italian design,” who carved his own in 1957 out of a single piece of oak. (\$295, [prunelle.ca](http://prunelle.ca))



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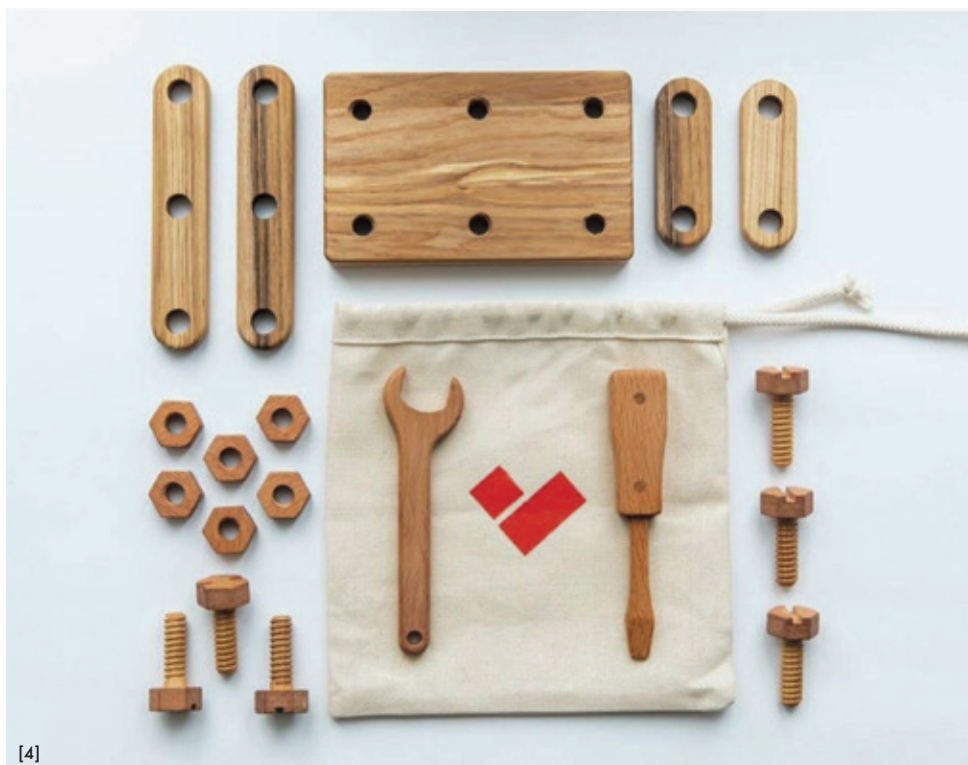
[2] – Xavier Déry, from Atelier Bosc in North Hatley, Quebec, is the one to thank for these Japanese-inspired balancing stones. The gorgeous chunks of ash, white oak and walnut, hand-sanded and treated with beeswax, come in a matching linen pouch. Eco-friendly and beautiful. (\$58, [atelierbosc.com](http://atelierbosc.com))

[3] – Honestly, with these cute twin-bed frames, kids won’t want to grow up too soon! They’re designed with great care by a Ukrainian couple based in Toronto (\$360 for the Teepee bed frame, \$400 for the Floor House bed, [hellogiraffes.com](http://hellogiraffes.com))



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[4] – For the budding mechanic, a very simple assortment of nuts and bolts in ash and solid beech. The Russian brand Poltora Stolyara also offers companion sets of five and seven wooden tools (saw, hammer, pliers, etc.). (\$65, avasappletree.ca)

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[5] – Fifteen solid cherry blocks, richly carved on all six sides by Manitoba craftsmen from Tiny Maker Mind. Available in French and English. (\$128, tinymakermind.com, theplayfulpeacock.com)



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