

## Lounge act

To suggest that the furniture range at Designers Guild is merely a canvas to showcase its dizzying array of fabrics and finishes would be to do the designs a disservice. Case in point is new modular seating collection 'Modena', which comprises a series of generously proportioned sofa components, ottomans and daybeds. Clever inset feet create a floating effect, while a choice of three back cushions offers further customisation. From £2,750 for a 2.5 seater ([designersguild.com](http://designersguild.com)).



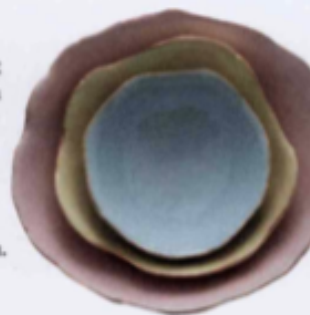
### Bold as brass

Italian manufacturer Marioni has been producing artisan-made furniture, lighting and accessories for more than 50 years. Initially conceived purely as a lighting collection, the success of its 'Sunset' lamps – which combine a streamlined brushed brass frame with jewel-like glazed ceramic panels – has prompted architect and product designer Piero Angelo Orecchioni to create a bookcase (pictured) console and coffee table, too. £14,250 ([artemest.com](http://artemest.com)).

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### COLOURFUL CLAY

Jewellery brand [Monica Vinader](http://monicavinader.com)'s first homeware collection is a collaboration between the eponymous founder and potter du jour Florence St George. They've created a set of hand-glazed nesting dishes in three shades – 'Bahama Blue', 'Island Yellow' and 'Sunset Pink' – finished with a gold rim. Opt for a colour set or mix and match. £75 for three ([monicavinader.com](http://monicavinader.com)).



### IN THE HOT SEAT

A focus on wood's natural grain has led Stockholm's Note Design Studio to play with Japanese charring technique, *shou sugi ban*. Released on its Note Editions platform, these versions of the 'Candid' chair reveal the process explicitly, with 'Blonde', 'Burned' and 'Black' showcasing each fiery stage. From approx £600 for a set of two ([note-editions.se](http://note-editions.se)).

