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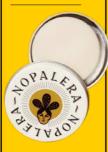
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# CATALOG

Bring colour, style and function to your life with these products from killer small businesses.











#### NATIVE & CO

£55

The five Japanese Nanao candles in this set are handmade with sumac wax and plant-derived ingredients using ancient methods, and are inspired by Nanao city's greenery. @nativeandco



JUNIPER RIDGE \$

California-based brand Juniper Ridge uses sustainably harvested plants and traditional distillation techniques to make bodycare and home products, like this Sierra Forest **essential oil**. @juniperridge

#### BENCH STUDIO

£80

This handmade ash chopping board is by London-based Bench Studio, which was founded in 2019 by Benjamin Bill and Charlie Haslam. Also available in walnut. @bench.studio





# Studio Arhoj

€20

This independent design studio in Copenhagen was founded by Anders Arhoj in 2013. Its small (4 x 9cm) *dip dish* in this Darling Clementine colourway is great for condiments like soy sauce. You can also use it as part of a tapas spread, or for items like coins or rings. @studioarhoj

# FOR THE HOME

From a serious Japanese kitchen knife and a solid ash chopping board to use it on to functional furniture that's super stylish, too, here are some products that will add a splash of design to your abode.



#### KATTO

£13

Katto was founded by mates Josh and Thomas in south London after they saw a gap in the knife market between super-high-end and cheap commercial options. Their *Henry blade* is crafted from AUS-10-grade Japanese steel with a leather scabbard made in Suffolk by Putter & Co. @katto knives



## Macarena Luzi

POA

The self-taught Los Angeles-based textile designer creates bright *rugs* that are 'fun and elegant with a focus on colour and texture', like this bespoke commission. @macarenaluzi



#### **BEYOND BLEND**

£32.99

Beyond Blend makes a simple, good-looking *portable blender*, with a capacity of 380ml (12.85oz). It's cordless and has a USB chargeable battery and a 5V motor with six-point steel blades that are powerful enough to crush ice. **@beyondblend** 



#### **NORMANN**

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Founded in 1999 by Jan Andersen and Poul Madsen, Normann Copenhagen is a Danish design firm. This Block side table, designed by Simon Legald, was inspired by the old-school trolley table. @normanncph

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€295

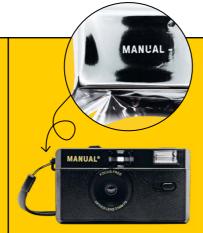
#### 01. D1A TABLE BY LICHEN \$699

'Some friends of mine, Jared and Ed, own a furniture design incubator called Lichen, in Brooklyn. Along with selling some incredible vintage furniture, they've begun designing their own pieces, which are fucking incredible. They've started with this dining table. I'm hyped to see what they come out with next.' @lichennyc





'A concept photo book from one of the coolest guys on the internet, comprised of 250 loose transparent pages of photos all taken on iPhone.' @byseanbrown



#### **03. REUSABLE CAMERA 001 BY MANUAL**

Manual, which sells slick disposable cameras, has released its first reusable one. It's a manual-wind 35mm film camera with a built-in flash. You can load it with colour or black and white. @manual nyc

# Malcolm's picks



Malcolm Dia is founder of New York City-based camera company Manual. @malcolmdiaa



**04. GIRLS BLUE BY HIROMIX** 

'Hiromix is an amazing Japanese photographer that I've been obsessed with. The photos in this book were captured mostly in the late nineties in Japan. Every page is beautiful and vibrant.

**VINTAGE** 

#### **05. LA TULIPE HAND CREAM BY BYREDO £30**

'This has become essential It smells incredible and I find myself using it more as a rub-on cologne than just a hand cream." @officialbyredo





# **RECORD PLAYER**

'The past year I've been collecting records in a crazy way. This record player is a beast, definitely one of the best ever made. Silver metal body, tight construction and made in Japan in the eighties. It's an incredible machine and I'm glad I could snap one up.' @technics global

# 06. TECHNICS SL-1200MK2

**VINTAGE** 



#### **POSTALCO**

¥175,000

Postalco, best known for notebooks and stationery, produces this brilliant handmade Mogul Ski chair, a special collaboration with furniture manufacturer Karimoku. It's built to order in its workshop, using ecologically sourced oak and chestnut. @postalco.tokyo



#### **BAMBINI**

FROM £100

Sydney-born, London-based friends Camille and Matteo run Bambini, which sells gorgeous *limited-edition prints* and claims it exists to 'connect children to art and adults with children through art'. @bambinicollections



#### **KINFILL X STUDIO SABINE MARCELIS**

Kinfill, a sustainable Dutch homecare brand that sells concentrated cleaning products, partnered with Rotterdam-based designer Sabine Marcelis to make this numbered, limitededition resin-based tray. @kinfill.homecare



## **Three Gems Tea**

\$96

LA's Three Gems Tea was inspired to create this porcelain Gong Fu tea set on a trip to China's ceramics capital, Jingdezhen. @threegemstea

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## Brainbow

**PACK OF 4 \$15** 

Calling itself 'the world's smartest chocolate truffle', Brainbow is vegan, keto-friendly chocolate with adaptogens, which is available in two flavours: cacao cashew butter and cocoa butter coffee. @thisisbrainbow



#### **CANYON COFFEE**

\$80

This lightweight *silver kettle* with a stainless steel body and wooden handle is the latest product from California's Canyon Coffee, founded in 2016. It's perfect for your next pour-over brew. @canyoncoffee



#### AL'S

**PACK OF 6 \$13.99** 

Founded by a beer lover who quit drinking, Al's is a great-tasting (and great-looking) American **non-alcoholic beer**, available online and in select New York stores. **@drink als** 

# EAT + DRINK

'Smart' chocolate truffles and nut butter that's good for pregnancy are some of the innovative foods coming from brands making everything from botanical rum to cookies that can communicate.



#### **CURRENT CASSIS**

\$27

This vermouth-like *blackcurrant liqueur*, created by Rachael Petach in New York's Hudson Valley, is made with fermented blackcurrants, whole green cardamom, bay leaf, citrus rind, lemon verbena, wild honey and clean distilled spirits. @currentcassis

# Feeling hote Three amazing sauces to spice up your day



#### 01. BACHAN'S

\$13.99

In 2013, Justin Gill started developing a barbecue sauce based on an old family recipe from his grandmother (in Japanese, the word 'bachan' means 'granny'). He launched his Japanese Barbecue Sauce in 2019 and it's since found fans all over the world. @trybachans



# 02. BOBBIE'S BOAT SAUCE

\$10

Invented on a sailboat and developed in Portland, Oregon, this sauce packs onions, garlic, ginger, fresh jalapeños, Thai chillies, tomatoes, lime, vinegar, plus maple syrup to 'balance spice and tang' and Vietnamese fish sauce for 'depth and umami'. It comes in 'classic' and 'hot'. @bobbiesboatsauce





#### MIYELLE

£45

Self-taught ceramics designer and maker Miyelle Karmi has been 'playing with clay' since 2017. This sculptural *Twisteee mug* has a fun, oversized handle. @miyelle\_ceramics



03. LOUD GRANDMA

\$29

New York Cantonese chef Calvin Eng teamed up with his good friend Ben Gabriel to launch this line of CBD-infused chilli crisp oil, 'inspired by the legendary Lao Gan Ma', a staple sauce in Chinese kitchens.

@loud.grandma

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**MUMGRY** FROM \$9

**Nut butters** designed for mums (or moms) at any and every stage of motherhood, from pre-pregnancy and pregnancy to the post-partum period and beyond. The range is plant-based, low in sugar and high in protein, iron and calcium. @mumgry



## **Technivorm**

### **FROM £185**

It's hard to beat a Moccamaster, the classic drip coffee maker that's been produced by the family-owned Dutch brand Technivorm since the late sixties. There's a reason it's sold more than 10 million of these machines. @moccamaster eu



New Zealand alcohol company Honest makes this special *rum*, an infusion of six botanicals, with warm spices balanced by citrus and tonka bean. Honest is a certified carbon-zero and plastic-free brand. @drinkhonest



#### **MUSHUP**

FROM €10

Montreal-based brand MushUp says it's 'plus que du café' (more than just coffee). It's mushroom coffee that puts the fungi through a triple extraction process to maximise their medicinal benefits. @mushup\_coffee

# **Cantine Margaux**

## FROM €5

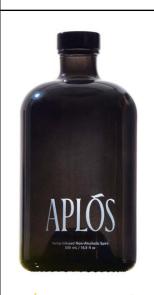


Barcelona **cookie brand** Cantine Margaux was founded by 27-year-old Pol Valero. 'Cantine Margaux began as a joke. I baked some cookies for my birthday and brought them to friends. They thought they were delicious and asked me to bake some more. I realised that there was a gap in the market for millennial foodies who wanted baked goods aligned with their values. My cookies have short messages on them and I can personalise them.' @cantinemargaux



SNACKLINS PACK OF

A launch that came after founder Samy Kobrosly 'became obsessed' with the idea of a *meat-free pork* rind due to his 'inability to eat the classic snack given his Muslim upbringing'. @eatsnacklins



**APLÓS** 

Aplós is a plant-based. non-alcoholic spirit brand. Its first product is citrussy with 'notes of ginger and rosemary' (oh, and 20mg of hemp). @aplos.world

# BALMUDA THE TOASTER ¥23.500

'Tokyo tech company Balmuda's toaster is sleek and minimalist in design. Its steam technology brings out the best in bread and helps seal in moisture and flavour.' @balmuda\_usa



#### ANNEMARIE O'SULLIVAN WOVEN WILLOW BACKPACK POA

'Annemarie grows around 20 varieties of willow, and makes contemporary baskets using ancient techniques. This woven backpack is great for urban outings.' @annemarie osullivanbaskets



#### BRUT X LAPERRUQUE €85

'This key-fob necklace epitomises French craftsmanship. The leather has a nice grain gradient and hand-done saddle stitches and edges.' @brut\_archives @laperruque.co

#### NAKAGIN CAPSULE STYLE BOOK BY SOSHISHA PUBLISHING ¥2,640

'A book about the world's first instance of capsule architecture. The Nakagin Capsule Tower was built in 1972 as a mixed-use residential and office block, and is an example of Japan's Metabolism movement.'



# TATSUO

Courier's Editor-at-Large Tatsuo Hino rounds up products that have caught his eye.

#### NINETIES NFL LUNCH BAG

'Danjil is a well-curated American culture store in Japan featuring eighties and nineties nostalgic goods and dead stock. This bag is the perfect companion for a spring picnic. The bold, simple graphics are an example of classic American design.' @Danjil2

¥1,100



# FLOWER-POWERED CERAMICS

#### PROTEA VASE BY CARO GATES £80

'Caro's work is inspired by flora and fauna – this porcelain vase is based on the protea flower – and showcases the beauty of nature with intricate and decorative organic shapes. This piece is on the top of my wish list.'





#### **NIDO KNITWEAR**

FROM \$125

'These small-batch garments are hand-knitted in Buenos Aires, from 100% natural fibres, hand-spun and hand-dyed. Nido also offers a knitting and textile trades school to keep the traditions going.' @nido\_textiles

#### RYUICHI SAKAMOTO 2020S ¥200,000

'This limited-edition box set houses seven vinyl records featuring songs produced by Ryuichi Sakamoto in 2020, plus a shard of pottery smashed during the recording of the song "Fragments of Memory".'
@commmons\_official





#### GOODHOOD X E.T.

FROM £50

'Goodhood used iconic imagery from E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial to create a well-executed, nostalgic, limited-edition capsule collection, featuring heavyweight T-shirts and lifestyle goods.' @goodhood



#### SUBU WINTER SANDALS €49

'These cosy and functional indoor-outdoor slippers offer comfort and warmth. They use Teflon-coated nylon that repels water, dries quickly and keeps toes dry.' @subu\_tokyo\_eu



#### HATARAKU TOTE BAG

¥5,990

'A set of upcycled bags from an unusual source: Tokyo's Metropolitan Expressway Company. They're made from tarpaulin street banners that were once used as roadworks signs and notices. They're durable, flexible and waterproof.' @rootote

# KIOSK N1C'S CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT FROM £15

'This project makes use of Christmastree pine needles after the festive season's over – they're collected and upcycled into things that people want, like hand wash, candles and incense cones. A great initiative rooted in community. Pine smells guaranteed throughout the year.' @kiosk\_n1c











#### PRINTS BY BIENVENUE STUDIO

CHF16

'A set by a Zurich studio that turns nature into visual culture. I bought one called "Morbid Being N° 2", which features Chinese fish.' @bienvenuestudios



#### 10 MINUTES AROMA BY HIBI

FROM £9

'The idea of an incense that could be lit as if striking a match was inspired by two traditional Japanese crafts: the incense of Awaji Island and the matches of Harima. The smallest box contains eight pieces designed to burn for approximately 10 minutes each as a "gentle punctuation mark in the passing of time".' @hibi\_japan

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#### PERFUMER H

£110

London-based perfume maker Lyn Harris created fragrance brand Perfumer H 'to pioneer naturals back into perfumery'. This 50ml charcoal spray in a sleek, dark bottle smells of 'woods, cedar, vetiver and patchouli heightened with pepper and a dash of soft leather'. @perfumerhlondon





#### **BREAD**

FROM \$20

Bread makes haircare products for 'not-sobasic hair'. Choose the hair oil for gloss, or the gentle, lightly foaming hair-and-scalp cleanser made with argan oil, aloe vera, and lemon tea tree oil. @breadbeautysupply



£10

## Refillable deodorant free from aluminium,

parabens and is 100% vegan. Choose from five scents for the starter kit that will last you four to six weeks. @getfussy









# Köppen

The turmeric-and-basil body wash from Köppen also uses cooling fennel for an 'earthy and musky' scent. Buy it individually or as part of the Daily Essentials collection - plus aloe-and-chamomile hand soap and rosehipand-hibiscus lotion - from a brand built on Hindu Ayurveda. @itskoppen

# BEAUTY & SELF

Why not step up your skincare by harnessing the healing powers of Ayurveda, then work out with natural cork yoga accessories before treating yourself to a relaxing face mask?



FATTY15

**30-DAY SUPPLY \$49.95** 

Founded by a veterinary epidemiologist and a former military physician, Fatty15 sells supplements of a trace fatty acid called C15:0 - which is 'the first essential fatty acid to be discovered in 90 years'. @meetfatty15

# **Nopalera**

**FROM \$14** 

Nopalera is a Latina-owned, New York-based bath and bodycare brand by Sandra Lilia Velasquez, who was raised in California near the Mexican border by Mexican immigrant parents. @nopalera.co



**PELOTAN** 

FROM £10

Founded in 2018, the cleverly named Pelotan (not to be confused with the at-home fitness brand Peloton), makes a high-performance SPF 30 **sun protection** roll-on and spray that the company says has been used by athletes and elite performers including Olympic gold-medallists and IRONMAN World Champions. @pelotan.cc



#### **WOODS COPENHAGEN**

€40

An 'ultra-geeky skincare brand' launched by Martin Lyne, co-founder of modelling agency Le Management, after hunting for a product to soothe his daughter's eczema. Its cleansing mask is made with mint. @woodscopenhagen

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#### **01. THEATRE SHOES**

\$80

'Mr Lee has decades of experience, having apprenticed with the master who made shoes for [political figure] Madame Chiang Kai-shek. These are our custom version. I wear these almost every day. They're super comfortable and pack so well for travelling. Also, the green gives any outfit an extra fun pop of colour.'



**02. EYEBROW MASSAGER** 

'Made from ox horn, this massage tool is ideal for fixing a headache. I really love the size and flexibility of it and always carry one in my make-up bag. I run it along the jawline, where we hold a lot of tension. It's an instant release."

#### 03. LINEN **BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT**

\$125

'Huichung is one of my favourite clothing designers in Taiwan. He takes cues from clothing details that mark Taiwan's history, and provides an array of natural hand-dyed colours, believing that colours express one's mood. They are truly one of a kind."



# Juliana's picks



LA-based Juliana Hung runs The Wax Apple, selling handcrafted goods from Taiwan. **@the\_wax\_apple** 



'I love the history and story behind Maestro Wu. It was created in 1937 by Wu Chao-hsi, after he inherited his father's knife business. Because of the steel shortage, he began collecting artillery shells, which are denser, resulting in a stronger blade. Each shell can make at least 60 knives. It's my go-to for herbs or fruit."

#### 04. SQUIGGLE **SCALP MASSAGER**

\$30

'Made from redwood. A fun, happy shape that both acts as a pretty table object and massages the scalp, triggering instant relaxation."



## **PAUME**

\$68

This Essentials Kit from PAUME includes a **hand sanitiser** gel pump, refill bag and travel bottle - the antibacterial gel has notes of cedar, citrus, rosemary and lavender. @mypaume



\$43.99

Hishi is a personalised skincare brand - answer questions about your skin, lifestyle and environment for a custom-formula day cream that hydrates and protects. @hishiskin



**MIJ MASKS** 

Founded by British broadcaster Maya

Jama, Mij (named after her full initials, Mava Indea Jama), is a new brand that makes a hydrogel eve patch and a biocellulose face mask. @mijmasks



\$24

**MANGO PEOPLE** 

An inclusive **cosmetics** line that includes a highlighter, bronzer and multistick for lips, eves and cheeks. @mangopeoplecosmetics



FROM £9.9

Meg, which stands for 'modern exercise goods', makes fitness products such as a cork massage roller, massage ball and voga block. In 2018, it launched in Melbourne as sure.project and rebranded in 2020. @wearemeg

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# Free & Easy

\$165

This 100% cotton **fleece hoodie** is spun, sewn, dyed and printed in Los Angeles by Free & Easy, a brand built from clothes designer Kevin Circosta's love of seventies Cali surf culture. **@freeandeasy** 







£24

Swedish-based KÖN is a gender-neutral brand. Its *underwear*, made in Portugal from 95% model – an eco-friendly material spun of cellulose fibres from trees – is designed to fit anyone and everyone. @konunderwear



#### **KINN STUDIO**

\$420

This North Star 14k solid gold pendant is made in LA by Kinn, a female-founded jewellery brand focused on using responsibly sourced gold. @kinnstudio

# WEAR & CARRY

Start your day with style, whether you're going out for a run, hiking up a mountain or just getting dressed up to stay cosy at home.

Look good and you'll feel good, too.



#### HALFDAYS

\$34

This female-focused outdoor apparel brand Halfdays has Olympic freestyle skier Kiley McKinnon as a co-founder. Its *Lawrence jacket*, packed with insulation made from 100% recycled content, comes in five colours. @halfdays



#### **SEASON THREE**

\$345

MIT grads Jared Ray Johnson and Adam Klein set out to reinvent the classic European *hiking boot*. The result is the Ansel. Make sure to check out our chat with Jared and Adam on the Courier Weekly podcast. @season\_three



#### **GREATER GOODS**

670

London-based Greater Goods is a brand focused on using reclaimed materials. Its **bottle bags** are made of offcuts of garments used in other products. @greater.goods



#### TORSA FROM £65

Torsa is a new UK-based premium *men's activewear* brand. Its made-in-Portugal collection is a curated tight edit, including a half-zip sweatshirt, training pants, performance shorts and T-shirt, and merino top.

@torsastudios

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MIALMA €

This 100% cotton 'Anima Italiana' hand-dyed *tote bag* is embroidered in Milan, Italy, and comes from Mialma, a fashion brand founded in 2017 by Camilla Giannuzzi. @mialma\_milano



KITRI

£16

This knitted Cat **space-dyed dress** comes from independent fashion brand KITRI, which was started in 2017 in London by South Korea-born designer Haeni Kim. **@kitristudio** 



**Olivers** 

**\$128** 

LA-based premium brand Olivers makes these ultra-soft 100% Japanese Supima cotton *classic sweatpants*, which are inspired by vintage athletic gear. **@oliversapparel** 



**VARON** 

\$330

Founded by Aaron Changpo, unisex Mexico City-based jewellery brand Varon makes this *gold-plated AA Rojo ring*. It took two years to 'find the purest and highest quality Red Laboratory Ruby Crystal'. @varon\_official



Founded in 2018 by Silvia Cataudella and Carlotta Chirico, and developed with Marta Molesini, Italian brand SCILé sells a reinterpretation of the traditional *men's vest* – this Paloma style is cotton with 100% silk lining. @scile\_milano



DAWSON DENIM

£320

Inspired by vintage Buddhist monks' workwear called sumae, this **jacket** by Dawson – based in Brighton, UK – uses natural plant-dyed indigo selvedge fabric that is woven in a mill in Kurashiki, Japan. @dawsondenim



Yacaia

€80

This *beanie* - a 70% merino, 30% cashmere blend in a five-gauge full cardigan rib stitch - comes from the Norwegian brand founded in 2018. @yacaia



#### **MEJO**

Italian game brand Mejo makes II Tempo, a brightly coloured, geometric and surrealist **500-piece puzzle** made in a limited edition of 300 copies, with each box numbered by hand. @mejo\_objects

FROM \$499

€42



Pro snowboarder Austin Smith and skier-designer Eric Pollard's brand sells **skis and snowboards** in three

models: Aero, Nexus and Forma. @seasoneqpt

ROSIE MARKS £3

Photographer Rosie Marks has released her first book, 08.14-10.19, published by DoBeDo (@dobedouk). It's filled with 526 candid street photographs that were taken over the course of five years. @marksrosie



# Mylle

**SEASON EQUIPMENT** 

# From \$100

In 2016, fashion stylist Kristin Myllenbeck founded Mylle, now the go-to brand for *inflated pools* that don't look like they're made for kids. **@mylleshop** 





#### DESERT ORACLE

\$13.99

Ken Layne moved to Joshua Tree, California, to launch a one-man media brand on desert life. This **pocket guide** collects some of those stories in one hardcover volume. @desertoracle

# FOR FUN

How you while away the hours is up to you, but leafing through a book, hitting the slopes or splashing around in a fancy paddling pool could be good ways to start.

