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Presentation

Mendel Heit Design Lab:

Focused on innovation and human scaled production, MHDL is a design studio that combines the advantages of contemporary fabrication with the value of traditional craftsmanship. This working process nourishes the innovative development of furniture, home accessoires or customized 3d-printed products, while always aiming for durable and emotional concepts.



Mendel Heit:

is a french-german product designer from Berlin. He runs a laboratory for innovative product design and furniture, ranging from digital fabrication, craftsmanship to experimental research.

After various encounters in art, car design, architecture & interaction, his main focus now lies on furniture, products, accessories and research that merge new fabrication technologies with artisan heritage in production processes.

Design is ... love, experimentation, decisions

New pieces at Satellite 2017:

Mendel Heit's pieces shown at Salone Satellite 2017 combine traditional crafts like glassblowing, metalworking and ceramics with new fabrication technologies like 3d printing, CNC milling and programmable electronics.

Since traditional production methods collide with nowadays' wish for customization, quality, and uniqueness, new production formats have to be found.

Mendel Heit's working process is triggered by a dialogue with a craftsman, and followed by series of shared experimentations with traditional and new techniques. The stories that emerge from these encounters result in carefully crafted pieces that hold strong emotions and use optimized manufacturing technologies to their advantage, whilst staying in a human scale.

Lamps like 'Dive' and 'Blink', or even the secretary desk 'Ripple' integrate this distinctive combination to reinterpret iconic typologies and familiar shapes.

New Projects 2017

Reed

table lamp

concrete, brass tube, mouthblown colored glass

G4 socket LED 12/220v, 16x32x7 cm

Mounted on a thin brass tube, this minimal lamp stands like reeds growing along rivers. This sleekness is enhanced by a cast concrete base.

Thanks to its different mouth blown glass shades, ‚Reed‘ can easily fit in a variety of situations. Maybe as a bedside lamp with the calming orangey colors, or as a desk lamp with the colder colors for focus and quietness. With the embossed structures of the lampshade variations that cast light effects, it can also be placed as a decorative light.

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<http://mendelheit.com/object/-reed/>



Blink

bedside lamp

concrete, brass tube, mouthblown colored glass

G4 socket LED 12/220v – dimmable, 17x22x9cm

Whether it reminds us of the lamps on construction sites or headlights of old cars, ‚Blink‘ introduces a new and unexpected element into our homes. The mouth blown glass shades are combined with familiar colored patterns to create light effects. Enhanced by soft indirect light, the glass encircles a luminous volume made of light. This is how **‚Blink‘ sets off your fantasy and becomes a lamp made for dreaming.**

With variable luminous intensities, ‚Blink‘ can be a night light as well as an ornamental lamp.

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Dive

desk lamp

white concrete, brass tube, mouthblown colored glass

G9 socket dimmable LED 220v, 17x19x42 cm

This desk lamp is crafted with handmade mouthblown glass, carefully finished brass elements and white concrete, while using compact and energy-efficient dimmable LED lighting technology.

‚Dive‘ could remind some of us of historic public libraries, desk lamps in old movies, or even submarine adventures written by Jules Vernes. **Yet simple and purified, it triggers our adventurous imagination and brightens our life.**

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Aurora

light clock

3d printed nylon, LEDs, 5V via USB, 20x20x6cm

Inspired by the Northern Lights and their ballet of glowing colors, the Aurora clock transforms the rotation of classic clock hands into a luminous carousel.

Using a purified 3D printed form and combining it with the colored light of LEDs, **Aurora rethinks the traditional clock and brings an exciting new way of telling the time.**

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Tombola

generative glass vase

colored mouthblown glass

18cm diameter, various heights between 11 and 30 cm



By combining a generative idea and a traditional fabrication process, every piece made is exclusive. Only when the 128 3d-printed blocks that create the mold are put back together, a generative process happens: the order of the blocks is never the same, thus the vases are always a little different in their outside structure - therefore unique.

Once blown, the mold opens like a puzzle. **This vase is being produced with an infinite combinatory production process**

Tombola has been developed in collaboration with multiple craftsmen to allow experiments and optimizations along the way.

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Ripple

secretary desk

powdercoated steel tube, cnc milled oak, 220v socket, 100x75x110cm



Ripple is a reinterpretation of the traditional secretary desk. Its oak body can contain all the necessary things needed in a personal workplace. **Inspired by the texture of classic rolltop desks**, the CNC-sculpted wooden top part sits on a powder-coated metallic stand that lightens the whole piece of furniture.

With its deep working surface, one can sit at the ‚Ripple‘ desk to handwrite long letters, or just power up your favorite digital tools with the integrated power and USB sockets. Once the day is through, it can simply be closed off with its contents.

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Monovis

6 cnc milled 18mm multiplex pieces +1 screw,

different colors and materials available, 32x32x43.5 cm



The Monovis stool is an easy-to-flat-pack sitting device. All is needed is a wing nut screw to tighten the 6 assembled pieces. The colors of the wooden material can be combined or just chosen according to someone's interior. It is easy and scalable in terms of production, but also adaptable to small, customized quantities.

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