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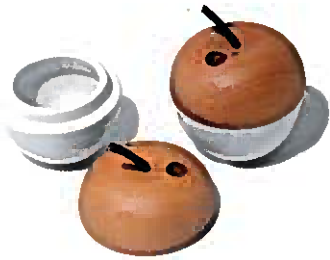
Cool kids' kit for
Stylish little people



SEPTEMBER 2009 £3.70

Reasons to love... FRUIT & VEG DESIGNS

Fruit and veg aren't just for eating – prints featuring their bright colours and graphic shapes will add goodness to your home, too!



'Apple' ceramic, wood and leather trinket pots, £16 each, Couverture (couverture.co.uk)



'Lemon' hand-loomed wool cushion, £60, Jonathan Adler (jonathanadler.com)



'Boskop' plastic apple lunch box by Koziol, £8.50, Groovytek (groovytek.co.uk)



'Artichoke' worktop saver, £13, Joseph Joseph (josephjoseph.com)



This September, Fritz Hansen launches Arne Jacobsen's classic 'Series 7' (left) in seven new colours, including this hot pink one by Arik Levy, £365, Aram Store (aram.co.uk)

ANATOMY OF A CLASSIC 'Series 7' chair

Why Arne Jacobsen's 1955 chair is one of the most copied designs ever

What's so great about it? Danish designer Arne Jacobsen has several iconic chairs to his name – including the 'Egg' and the 'Swan' – but none quite so accessible as the 'Series 7'. Because of its perfect form and versatility – it comes in endless variations, from dining chairs to bar stools – it's one of the most copied designs of modern times. It's also extremely comfortable, with nine layers of veneer combined with two textile layers for flexibility and a curved edge that prevents it from digging into the back of your knees.

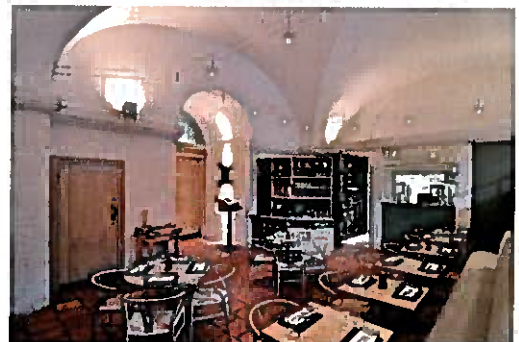
Why is it so famous? Ironically, that's partly down to a cheap copy used in a photo shoot with Christine Keeler, the woman at the centre of the Profumo Scandal, in 1963; the famous shot of Keeler sitting nude astride

the chair won it lasting erotic kudos. The fake is now in the V&A's collection (images on the museum's website showing the real and bogus chairs next to each other reveal the latter's shabby quality, and show why it's always better to buy the real thing; type 'A Modern Icon – The Chair' into the search box at vam.ac.uk to see them).

Why buy now? This September, manufacturer Fritz Hansen launches seven new 'Series 7' chairs – each one in a different colour by seven contemporary designers. Examples include hot pink by Arik Levy and glossy silver by Jaime Hayón, from £365 each, Aram Store (aram.co.uk). Aram Store is also running a promotion until August 31 – buy five standard 'Series 7' chairs and get one free!

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

The crypt of St Paul's Cathedral has a few famous residents, not least Admiral Lord Nelson and the building's architect, Sir Christopher Wren. Now they've been joined by a stylish new cafe, decked out in neutral colours and Hans J Wegner's classic 'Wishbone' chairs. Open for lunch and tea, its menu includes Portobello mushroom Wellington with spinach and Regent's Park honey ice and gingerbread sandwich (restaurantatstpauls.co.uk).



This matt lacquer and Corian 'Case System 2.3' kitchen with base peninsula in 'Ebony Eco-wood' costs from £35,000. It's shown with a stainless-steel 'KWC' tap with pull-out shower head, from £900, all Boffi (boffi-chelsea.com). The PVC-backed cotton 'Round Boon' lamp by Piet Boon for Moooi costs approx £690 (alisonclaire.com) and has been fitted with a carbon filter and four lights. Discuss a similar safe modification with your kitchen supplier



Get the look!

Bring a white worktop to life with exotic wood and bright accessories

- 1** 'Kardemumma' earthenware plant pots, 97p each, Ikea (ikea.co.uk). Potted herbs, £1.39 each, Marks & Spencer (marksandspencer.com). Steel 'Mediterraneo' fruit bowl by Emma Silvetris, £44, Alessi (alessi.com). Shown on: 'Glacier White' worktop, from £300 per m, Corian (corian.co.uk). Background: white paint, £13.99 for 5 litres, Dulux (dulux.co.uk)
- 2** 'Dark Zebrano' veneer cupboard door by Lizzie Beesley, £530 for a standard 60cm unit, Metris Kitchens (metriskitchens.co.uk)
- 3** 'Sheffield' bread knife from the 'Well Considered' collection, £35, The Conran Shop (conranshop.co.uk). 'Mara' plastic slotted spoon by Paola Navone, £3.50, Habitat (habitat.co.uk). 'Elevate' plastic turner with weighted handle to prevent utensil head touching worktop by Gillian Westley, £7, Joseph Joseph (josephjoseph.com)
- 4** 'TOP' plastic bins with colour-coded lids for separating recycling by Konstantin Grcic, £79 each, Authentics (authentics-shop.de) ▶



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