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7 Small Pieces Make Good Crimes, the concept space by Donald Chong Studio, featured plenty of riff-cut white oak and old-growth salvaged zinc, including a lovely CNC milled table with a fun bowl carved into one end by Dan Thompson. 8 Windsor-based Tsunami Glassworks, whose Tube vases were incorporated into the sculptural Designer of the Year award presented to Cassani Simone, furnished a new decorative light at Living Spirit Inc. 9 This year's Prototype Award winner, Brooklyn's Bradley Price, impressed the judges with his East Meets West stool/table, a pair of interlocking pieces that can be configured three ways to accommodate different seating preferences.

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Outside of the concept spaces, a number of other Toronto designers soaked the spotlight. Jad Tarabe designed the space for the inaugural KidZone exhibit, where clever products for kids were presented on top of that most universal and mesmerizing of simple pieces of children's furniture, the empty cardboard box. And local design collective West took home the Studio North award for its thoughtful, sensuous takes on ceramics, wood furnishings and objets d'art.

Of course, not all the buzz was homegrown: many contract designers flocked to Stile Antonio, the freshly launched Canadian division of a 25-year-old Belgian fireplace company. Stile's sleek smoke black fireplaces, in stand-alone and insert styles, impressed showgoers with their mod ersatz simplicity. They'll only be available in Canada this year, with U.S. distribution to come in 2008. A foreigner also won the Prototype Award. Brooklyn designer Bradley Price took the top prize for East Meets West, an interlocking set of identical birch ply sheets that can be configured into three seating options – alternating between Western "chair-based culture" and Japanese "floor-based culture." Price's adaptable piece illustrated the mantra of this year's show: however you live your interior life, anywhere between the floor and the ceiling, IDS has something for everyone.

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