

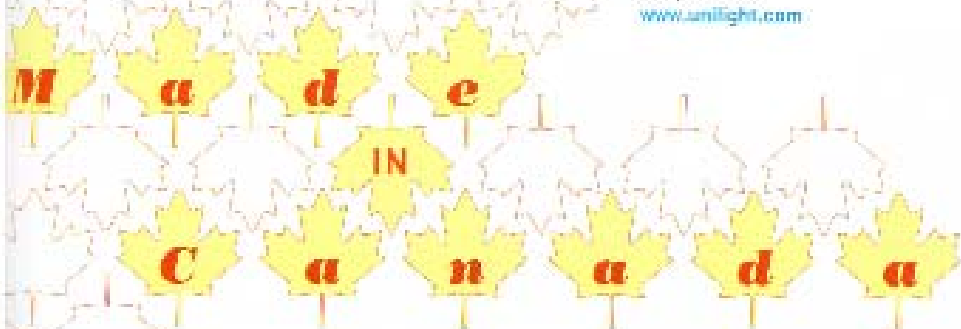


Unilight

St-Austremine Light

This fixture, designed by Thierry Wignault, is part of Unilight's ECU collection. It uses an energy-efficient T5 fluorescent bulb and is made of hand-rolled 100 percent recycled steel that has been clear-coated.

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Noteworthy designs from the north

Most Americans cherish a handful of well-worn cultural stereotypes regarding their neighbors to the north, and when it comes to listing Canada's cultural exports, design has never ranked alongside beer, hockey, SCTV, and Colton Dene. But Canucks like Bruce Mau, Wesco Saldie, and Karim Rashid (all of whom launched their careers in the Great White North) have done much to elevate the country's design profile, and Canada is establishing itself as a force in the industry. Furniture manufacturers such as Teknion, Knig, Kai Inoue, Nienkämper, and Groupe Lucasse offer well-made but affordable products for today's flexible workplaces. And several emerging talents—including Loyd Loat, Thaut, and Gastie Gaudreault—display serious gifts without taking themselves too seriously. Selected artisans and designers present their work annually as part of Studio North at the Interior Design Show in Toronto. Held in the dead of winter (February 21–23), the event is the perfect opportunity to pull on your mukluks and go see Canada's best for yourself. —Paul Mikovsky

Tsunami

Glassworks Tubes

This new series, designed by Eva Hillekovic and Kristin Gore, is a study of scale through the use of multiples. Each tube can be shown individually or grouped in a cluster. They are available in five sizes and five color combinations (ebony/jade shown).

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Nienkämper

Bruckett Chair

This Lohar Windels-designed chair is made of plywood shells that have foam cushioning. There are four base options: four legs (shown), a sled frame, a pedestal swivel, and a five-star aluminum or plastic base with casters.

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