



(Right) Established & Sons
lights in Pink and Yellow by
Scholten & Baijings, \$1471
each, from Living Edge,
www.livingedge.com.au.



Colour & whimsy

Like their impressive studio (left), Stefan Scholten and Carole Baijings' Amsterdam house is a source of ongoing inspiration. Once the home of Carole's grandmother, this space doubles as a residence and office for the design duo, so sketches, prototypes and beautiful objects decorate virtually every room. The couple's knack for uniting fluorescents and pastels pops up in various guises, from graphic throws to glass vessels. But it's their affinity for the cool and offbeat that injects humour and personality into the space, as typified by the duo's own fruit-like lights (above) and tableware.

IN DETAIL

ideas from the Scholten & Baijings home/studio

where do you buy it?

Stefan and Carole have spent a decade producing an array of exquisite objects for their studio, Scholten & Baijings. Their soft graphic bedlinen, steel-frame and aluminium armoire, offbeat lights and striped jugs are both decorative and functional. Over time, they've collaborated with many brands, such as Established & Sons, Hay, Thomas Eyck and Karimoku New Standard, and the resulting works can be purchased online or through various design establishments.

1. 'Serious Business 1' bowl, 980 euros, from Thomas Eyck, www.thomaseyck.com. 2. 'Colour Ring 01 & 04' serviette rings, 120 euros each, from Thomas Eyck, as before. 3. Hay 'Colour Block' quilt, \$252 (pillowcase included), from Corporate Culture, 1300 768 626. 4. Hay 'Colour' carpet, \$2630, from Corporate Culture, as before. (On carpet) 'Colour Wood' side table, POA, from Karimoku New Standard, www.karimoku-newstandard.jp. 5. 'Colour Plaid 1053' striped blanket, from 339 euros, from Thomas Eyck, as before. →



SCHOLTEN & BAIJINGS DESIGNS SOMETIMES DRAW ON THE ZUIDERZEE MUSEUM FOR INSPIRATION — ONE ARMOIRE DESIGN IS INFLUENCED BY THE INSTITUTION'S 17TH-CENTURY FARMERS' CABINETS. FOR INFO ON THE MUSEUM, VISIT WWW.ZUIDERZEEMUSEUM.NL

INSIDER'S GUIDE TO... DUTCH DESIGNERS

The Netherlands' current crop of talented designers is reminiscent of when the Droog label first opened its doors in 1993. Then, the who's who of designers included colour-savvy Hella Jongerius and enfant terrible Marcel Wanders. Renowned for his iconic 'Knotted' chair, Wanders is also co-owner of the coveted Moooi label, commissioning Dutch designers such as Bertjan Pot and Maarten Baas. In the following decade, Tord Boontje made his name with his mesmerising 'Garland' light shade, and now a new wave of talent has emerged. Scholten & Baijings' contemporaries include Joost & Kiki (Joost van Bleiswijk and Kiki van Eijk) and Paula Arntzen. There's also Aldo Bakker and Dieter Volkers, who both transform household items into sculptural wonders.

(Clockwise, from top) Artecnic 'La Coroune' pendant light, \$235, and 'Garland' light shade, \$125, both from De De Ce Plus, www.dedeceplus.com. 'Tonus' sculpture, 14,300 euros, from Thomas Eyck, www.thomaseyck.com. Moooi 'Horse' lamp, \$6685, and Moooi 'Bottoni' sofa by Marcel Wanders, \$11,745, both from Space, (02) 8339 7588, www.spacefurniture.com.



THINGS TO SOURCE...

↑ COUTURE KITCHEN

Even in a designer-owned kitchen, functionality and easy cleaning are priorities. Here, Stefan and Carole embrace their penchant for strong graphics, sharp lines and low maintenance with the kitchen's minimalist approach, full of wide drawers, strip lighting, seamless appliances and architectural tapware. The choice of an angular rangehood turns a practical item into a sleek showpiece. (Above right) 'DA 6000 W' rangehood, \$10,399, from Miele, www.miele.com.au.



↗ SUSPENDED WALL LIGHT

Andy Warhol transformed a simple Campbell's tomato-soup can into a pop-art icon in the '60s. Now, German-based Ingo Maurer has turned this humble work into an irreverent suspended light. Packaged with a halogen bulb and a sturdy spring to fasten to the wall, this quirky lamp is set to be a design classic. Ingo Maurer 'Canned' light, \$380, from Space, (02) 8339 7588, www.spacefurniture.com.

↘ FREESTANDING BATH

The curving ergonomic lines of Agape's 'Spoon VAS901' bathtub are designed to take centrestage in a bathroom yet they work just as well when they are positioned butted up against a wall. Made from a smooth composite material, the elliptical-shaped bath offers a body position that ensure complete relaxation. This model has various tapware options. Agape 'Spoon VAS901' bathtub, from \$11,748, from Artedomus, (02) 9557 5060, www.artedomus.com.



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VIDEO PROJECTORS

Video projectors allow cinematic viewing in the comfort of your home. The installation is a balancing act between the room's dimensions, the screen's size and seat placement. You will need a fairly large room – the minimum distance between a screen and a video projector is about three metres; anything less than that and the image loses focus.



1. Epson 'EMP-TW1000' projector, \$2988, from Harvey Norman, 1300 464 278, www.harveynorman.com.au.
2. Panasonic 'PT-AE4000E' projector, \$4399, from Sound & Vision Studio, (08) 8364 4000, www.sv-studio.com.au.
3. JVC 'DLA-X9' projector, \$9999, from Len Wallis Audio, (02) 9427 6755.