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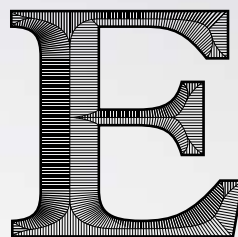
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Preface

This month's Inventory is a treat for the senses – from tactile notebooks and fragrant soap harking back to times past to sculpted oak hangers and model replicas of a brutalist London.

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Pendant lamp Anglepoise

Anglepoise is known for its signature four-spring table lamp from the 1930s but its new pendant collection 75 – the work of designer Sir Kenneth Grange – is an exercise in simplicity. It is accented by fine metallic detail and a bell-bottomed shade. — MSS anglepoise.com

02

Stationery Ola

Katy Goutefangea exchanged textile for paper when she created her notable stationery range in 2014. The Bristol-based printmaker hand-draws her abstract, architecture-inspired designs. Made to lay flat when opened, these pretty jotters are printed in London. — CHR olastudio.co.uk

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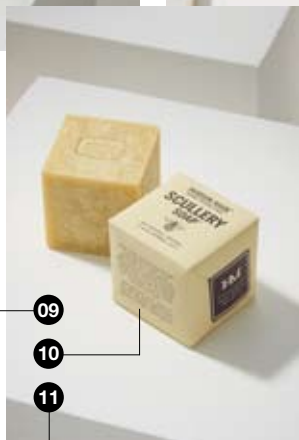
Memo pad Ito Bindery

Ito Bindery is a family-run firm located in Tokyo's Sumida district. It was founded as a notebook-binding business in 1938 with the founder's grandson Masaki Ito having now taken the reins. It produces around 100 memo blocks a day in one of four colours: white, grey, black or red. — JT ito-bindery.com

04

Pencil Lyon & Lyon

Twins Benny and Mat Lyon founded their studio in 2013 and created Six Mile Pencil, which they say can draw continuously for that distance. "Yellow is the colour we remember from school, a time of creative freedom," says Benny. — JAF lyonandlyon.co.uk



05
Tote bag
Àplat

Despite returning to the US after a stint in France, Shujan Bertrand never forgot the Gallic ritual of gifting homemade goodies. This organic cotton *sac à plat* (plate bag) is designed to contain goods that need to be kept flat – anything from tarts to a flan. — CHR [aplatst.com](#)

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Tableware
Vista Alegre

Inspired by the theatres of ancient Greece, Padova-based design studio From created these plates for Portuguese porcelain specialist Vista Alegre. “We wanted to give the chef a white canvas for his creations,” says designer Manuel Amaral Netto of the Theatre collection. — JSV [myvistaalegre.com](#)

07
Mirrors
MPGMB

Designers Marie-Pier Guilmain and Maud Beauchamp first worked together in 2008 on a line of pet products. The Canadian duo brought their playful aesthetic

to MPGMB, which they launched in 2013. This geometric set of mirrors is the first in what will be a new line of vanity pieces. Made from panels of wood fibre, they are laser-cut in Montréal. — MDB [mpgmb.com](#)

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Bowls
Kihachi Kobo

We were bowled over by these pretty Kashiwan oak bowls from Kihachi Kobo, the oldest lacquerware manufacturer in the Yamanaka prefecture. Kihachi has stepped up from its usual designs and used urethane to achieve a smart matte before finishing each bowl on a potter's wheel. — JT [kihachi-web.com](#)

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Beer
Lighthouse Brewing Company

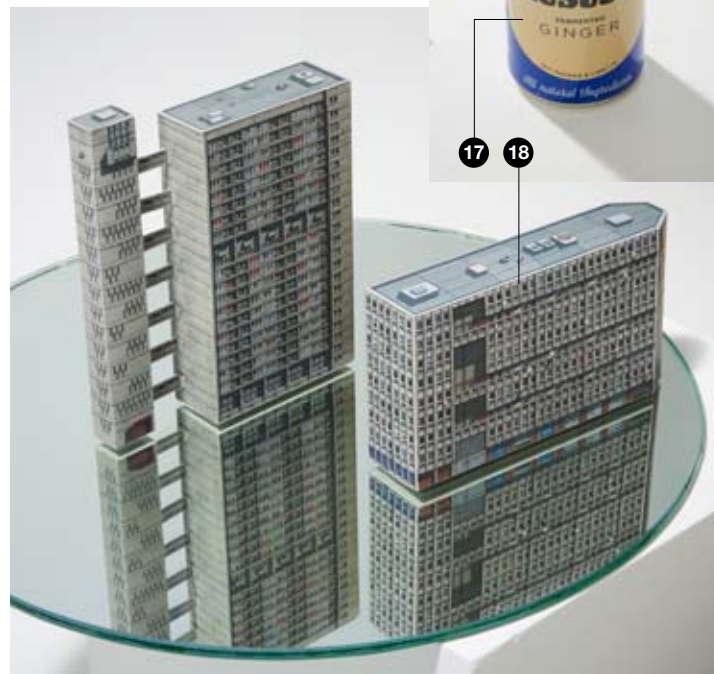
This firm on Vancouver Island started brewing in 1998 and has grown from producing amber ale Race Rocks to seven brews, including German-style Bowline Pilsner and Keepers Stout. — JAF [lighthousebrewing.com](#)

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Soap
Hudson Made

Hudson Made uses ingredients from its farm in the Hudson Valley and nearby markets to make its Scullery Soap, which include beeswax, honey and salt. “A return to the past is sometimes a step to the future,” says founder Bill Hovard. — JE [hudsonmadeny.com](#)

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Book
Saber Fazer

Ferramentas is a Portuguese-language exploration of 64 essential tools for woodworking. This charming book by Alice



Bernardo, with illustrations from the 19th century, guides aspiring carpenters on the use of everything from clamps to chisels. — JSV [saberfazer.org](#)

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Hangers
Nakata Hanger

Hyogo-based Nakata Kogei makes first-choice hangers for countless Japanese fashion brands. The top end of its line is the NH series made from a single piece of European beech hand-curved into the final product. — JT [nakatahanger.com](#)

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Saké set
Lisa Larson

Swedish designer Lisa Larson has collaborated with Tokyo design studio Tonkachi to create this *tokkuri* saké server and *ochoko* cups, working with some of Japan's top porcelain makers. — JS [lisalarson.jp](#)

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Lamp
Designlump

Montréal-based designer Chifen Cheng's triangular-framed Focal Point lamp turned our heads. The

sturdy base is moulded from copper and it has a porcelain cube to house its light bulb and a braided power lead. — MKA [designlump.com](#)

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Cookbook
Sunday Suppers

Photographer and foodie Karen Mordechai launched Sunday supper parties in her Brooklyn kitchen in an attempt to cultivate conversation over delicious meals. Her *Sunday Suppers* cookbook contains mouthwatering recipes including a fig tart with honey. — JE [sunday-suppers.com](#)

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Fragrance
Memo Paris

Partners Clara and John Molloy are the noses behind French fragrance company Memo Paris, which began in 2007. With a variety of fragrances in their roster they have released *Ilha do Mel*, an eruption of tangy mandarin, juniper and jasmine. — MKA [memofragrances.com](#)

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Ginger beer
Herbal Moscow

Made in Germany, Herbal Moscow's fermented ginger beer has hints of fresh lime, cucumber and a spruce-needle kick that combine with vodka to make the perfect Moscow mule. — JAF [herbalmoscow.de](#)

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Cardboard models
Zupagrafika

Brutal London includes five recycled-paper models of London's best-known brutalist buildings, including the Balfour Tower and Robin Hood Gardens (pictured, left to right). — MSS [zupagrafika.com](#)

*FOOTNOTE:

Each Focal Point lamp has a label denoting its number out of the 100 produced.