

Skip the Furniture Store and Let Cardboard Help You Out

As the current “green” trend continues strong, it only follows that people will keep coming up with new and interesting ways to help out the environment by reusing what was once trash and turning it back into a product that is normally made from scratch. One of the hottest items, or rather materials, that is undergoing this transformation of trash to treasure is cardboard. In fact, people are discovering that it is such a useful and versatile material that furnishing your home with it is not as ridiculous as it seems. Below you'll find a bunch of places where you can purchase “brand-new” furniture.

reinharddienes.com

Reinhard Dienes is a German designer who offers some of the more subtle sustainable designs available. Though not predominantly a cardboard designer, he does produce a cardboard bookcase that can function both standing up and on its side.

leokempf.com/cardboard

Leo Kempf is a furniture designer operating in the US, specializing in recycled materials, including cardboard. On the above page, you can find information about the construction of your own furniture and if you visit his main web page, you can purchase some of his products.

[Corrugated Fiberboard House](#)

If you are more looking for a house in which to place all of the awesome cardboard furniture you just bought, these students built an entire building from corrugated fiberboard. Though you can't exactly purchase one, the same techniques used to build a home could be used in the construction of any number of furniture items.

[The it bed](#)

We all know the importance of sleep; we spend a third of our lives doing it. Here you can find a simple bed made from cardboard folded into an accordion pattern. Even if you don't want to buy it, the design is easy enough that after a few tries, you should be able to fashion your very own for next to nothing.

[Ian Gonsler's Box Table](#)

Here you can find information on Rhode Island School of Design graduate Ian Gonsler's design for a table made from a single cardboard box. The simplicity of the materials needed allows for it to be scaled to fit any cardboard box you might come across, creating larger and smaller tables depending upon the size of the box.

designboom.com/cardboard

Looking for inspiration for making your own cardboard chair? designboom is an online publication of centered around the growing art of design. On the above page are some of the notable entries in a

contest they hosted in search of a quality folding chair made out of cardboard.

lazerian.co.uk

Liam Hopkins, an English furniture designer, has set up shop in an abandoned hat factory and has made it his goal to produce excellent furniture by reusing wasted materials. His company, Lazerian, sells all sorts of items, from typical furniture like chairs and tables to lighting fixtures and even jewelry.

It is important to keep in mind that no matter what you are trying to furnish your home with, a little ingenuity and the willingness to mess up and try again will go a very long way. Although it might be easier to purchase a pre-made recycled piece of furniture, taking the time to produce one of your own is incredibly rewarding and will only help you become better at being resourceful and using the materials others believe to be of no value. Not to mention the fact that you will save money doing it.