

# FRENCH connection

At the recent Maison&Objet show in Paris, an eclectic line-up of exhibitors floated stylish ideas for the sanctuary that is home, writes **Lisa Green**.

With big-name brands and their flashy stands, and narrow alleys of diverse stalls, Maison&Objet Paris is a vibrant marketplace offering something for everyone. Designers, savvy retailers, crafters, dreamers and artisans love to visit this popular home-decor fair, with its abundant side attractions. And if the mood in the City of Light was a little subdued, fairgoers were treated to delights aplenty, leaving Paris with views affirmed: that home is a sanctuary, a place to be creative, nurture your spirit and to layer with things you love.



Transparency, delicacy of materials, strength of patterns and designs... Kaki Misha UFO pendant light, Paris Au Mois D'août; parisaumoisdaout.com.

*'An unmistakable air of whimsy contributes to the French aesthetic. Many local brands are collaborating with offshore crafters to create unique and beautiful ranges.'*

Lisa Green, H&G



Concrete wall clock, Wild+Wood; www.wildandwood.co.uk.



**Decorator's delight**  
Charlotte Coote's favourite Parisian fabric showrooms.

**PIERRE FREY**

27 rue du Mail  
The music was pumping, the Champagne flowed and the world's best designers poured in. Wallpapers and trims line the walls of the showroom and a treasured archive of 16th-century Pierre Frey textiles is kept in the vaulted stone basement.

**GP&J BAKER + KRAVET + BRUNSCHWIG & FILS + MULBERRY HOME**

8 rue de Mail  
Scented candles, gilt sconces, contemporary lamps and chandeliers are the jewellery in this showroom. High ceilings make for generous drops of textiles, including the new luxurious Mulberry Wild Geese velvet. Green and teal velvets on upholstery were a common thread.

**OSBORNE & LITTLE**

7 rue de Furstemberg  
An eye-catching window display featured a lone Louis chair upholstered in a geometric print in apple green. Full curtains in O&L Yolanta and a striking black-and-white rug set up a dynamic scene.

cooteandco.com.au.



*'Wintry streets were lit with giant lanterns wrapped in fabrics from all the key ranges. This created a beautifully romantic glow.'* Charlotte Coote, interior designer



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT** QT Chillax chair by Stellar Works, Living Edge; www.livingedge.com.au. Sisal Collection by Valentina Hoyos; valentinahoyosaristizabal.com. Imo folding stool, Pinch; pinchdesign.com. Eldvarm fire tools and wood basket, Top3 by Design; top3.com.au. Soda Designers for Ligne Roset Desdemona bed, Domo; domo.com.au. Miller chair and ottoman, Functionals; functionals.eu. Parosol 3 vessels, Pulpo; pulpoproducts.com.





Litha #3 wool rug by Stellar Works, Living Edge.



**Paris highlights**

Alexandra Donohoe of Decus Interiors, shares the Maison&Objet finds that thrilled her.

**FAIR FAVOURITES**

**Hardware** Maison Vervloet.

The upcoming collaboration with India Mahdavi gets me super excited!

**Glassware** Henry Dean.

The bespoke art-like pieces were my favourite.

**Lighting** The Fumi lights from Pulpo (pictured far left) and Nahoor Limelight's K&W Light.

**Ceramics** Elena Salmistraro for Bosa.

**Unique pieces** Jaime Hayon's pieces for Bosa and ImperfettoLab.

**DESIGNER SHOWROOMS**

**India Mahdavi** There are two showrooms - both on rue las Cases, at numbers 3 and 19.

Don't forget to check out the accessory store... Très cute!

**Eric Schmitt** I had a religious experience in this atelier! By appointment only and very worthwhile.

**Pouenat** Incredible wall panelling and metalwork.

Alexandra won a trip to Maison&Objet with her Room of the Year in H&G's Top 50 Rooms of 2015. [www.decus.com.au](http://www.decus.com.au). **H&G**



'We buy leather furniture from a French supplier, Duivier, which collaborates with iconic Parisian fashion house Hermès for its furniture range.'

Jane Novembre, Domo



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Sika Icons Madame Chair by Nana Ditzel, Domo; domo.com.au. Sfera AIR vessels, Objects Collection; www.ricordi-sfera.com. The Moor wool-viscose rug by All The Way To Paris, & Tradition; www.andtradition.com. Connect pine cabinet, Made by Wood; www.wood.nl. Duivier Centquatre leather two-seater sofa, Domo. Fumi table lamps by Harry Thaler, Pulpo; pulpoproducts.com.



'We experienced so many 'pinch me' moments during our trip to Paris. As interior designers, it is a delight to be able to step into the ateliers and workrooms of those we admire from afar to see firsthand how they create.'

Alexandra Donohoe, interior designer



Made from Jesmonite, the limited-edition Nim coffee table references lava, stone and weather. Pinch; pinchdesign.com.