

matter which way the trends blow. For us a piece has to work for the purpose it was designed for," says Mack. "It's just that simple."

One to Watch

CHRISTIAN WOO

Vancouver native Christian Woo's elegant new line of furniture, Covert, has that deceptively clean aesthetic that belies a rigorous attention to detail—so coveted by local designers. Woo launched his line at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York in 2010. "To achieve simplicity, as Christian has," notes Martha Sturdy, "requires perfect design. You cannot hide mistakes."

