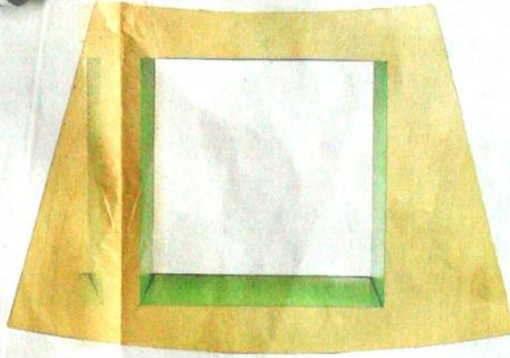




Not only are Centrifuge Design's recycled-aluminum Transit mailboxes manufactured in Toronto; they are also inspired by its landmarks. These three are named after far-flung subway stations. From top: Donlands Yellow, Glencairn Orange and Bathurst Blue mailboxes, \$125 each at EyeSpy (www.eyespygifts.com).

Toronto design duo Cristina Covello and Andrew Reesor strive to use formaldehyde-free sheet goods and sustainably culled domestic hardwoods in their work. A touch of whimsy – such as this rocking stool's electric-green interior – is also a trademark. Lacquered-plywood rocking stool, \$490 at Made (www.madedesign.ca).



Glassmaker Calli Balles was born in Toronto and trained at Sheridan College. It should come as no surprise, then, that her sensuous, sinuous work is inspired by urban life. Blown-glass Lily vases, \$190 each at Made.



Industrial designer Tamara Rushlow's experience in TV and video production is evident in her work, which combines technical precision with drama and pizzazz. Case in point: her shapely cut-plywood table lamp with high-gloss lacquered shade. Ply table lamp, \$250 at Made.



Architect and furniture maker Lubo Brezina tries to convey a strong sense of structure through his designs, as this angular elm side table with painted edges shows. It's made from off-cuts of larger planks. Side table, \$900 at Made.

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Run by Shaun Moore and Julie Nicholson, Made (www.madedesign.ca) focuses exclusively on Canadian products and carries the work of numerous local designers, including Tamara Rushlow, Calli Balles, the Brothers Dressler, Thout, Covello Reesor and Centrifuge Design. EyeSpy in the city's east end (www.eyespygifts.com) also sells

the work of Centrifuge, while Ber-go Designs in the Distillery District (www.bergo.ca) stocks the Brothers Dressler. More traditional chairs, sofas and ottomans are constructed locally by Barrymore (www.barrymorefurniture.com). Cabinet (www.cabinetfurniture.ca) offers locally made modern furniture.