



#### To the point

Fresh international winds have blown across Finnish design in recent years. Many foreign designers live and work in Finland, and Finnish designers themselves have succeeded in creating visibility for their creations abroad. Designer **Mika Tolvanen**, a graduate of the Royal College of Arts in London, is at the forefront of the new wave of Finnish design. Before returning to Finland, Tolvanen worked with Tom Dixon, now creative director at Artek.

Tolvanen has created considerable international interest with his appearances at the Milan Design Week's Salone Satellite, in which he participated with the **Rehti** Group. His *Vuoka* lamp and *T-lamp* are minimalistic and stylishly clean without being boring. The perceptive idea of giving straightforward designs names to straightforward designs works.

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#### Innovative furniture

**Samuli Naamanka** was named Furniture Designer of the Year in 2005 by the Finnish Association of Interior Architects. Naamanka is known as a prolific designer whose furniture combines an aesthetic dimension with the latest technical solutions. His designs are often based on technical innovations. This is exemplified by his stackable *Clash* chair, whose supportive structure is hidden inside the seat. The *Clash* chair was the winner of the FX International Interior Design Awards in London in 2003. Furniture manufacturer **Martela** also offers a new upholstered version.

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