



# Portland, Oregon, Is the Most Exciting Design Destination Right Now

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Before you would even finish asking us to name the cities with the hottest design scenes, we'd blurt out New York, London, Paris, and Milan. Duh. As of this month, though, we have a new locale to add to the list: Portland, Oregon. Sara Bauer, founder of design studio Immaculate Space, is to thank for this shocking realization. On September 16, she will host the first-ever Open Haus Market in the city, a one-day shopping event featuring 27 local exhibitors making and selling the coolest modern furniture, art, and home decor. Here's the deal: We would buy every. single. thing. No joke. Funky takes on terrazzo? In attendance. Abstract textiles? Also there. Memphis-ish vintage finds? Yep. "Everyone was hand-selected in a way that no two participants are alike. It's great because we have some seasoned pros mixed in with budding designers," says Sara.



**Can we live in this photo? (A sneak peek at the goods that'll be for sale at Open Haus Market.)**

Photo: Dina Avila

The chance to shop all these boundary-pushing pieces in one place makes us New Yorkers extremely jealous of everyone in the Portland area who can make it to Open Haus Market. We had to remind ourselves: Even after the event ends, these designers will still be creating their super inspiring stuff, just a little farther apart. One way or another, it's possible to see it for ourselves. If that isn't the perfect excuse to book a trip to the city in the coming months, we don't know what is.

"There is great design happening everywhere," Sara notes, but she has an interesting theory on Portland's unique allure for design trailblazers: "It rains for about seven months out of the year, and I think, for creative people, the rain can be extremely conducive to productivity if you let it."

Here's a look at some one of the gems you'll encounter at Open Haus Market (or hopefully whenever you visit Portland):



Glass sculptures by Andy Paiko.

Photo: Andy Paiko



Plaster and gypsum tables and light by Blanche Jelly.

Photo: Isaac Iane Koval



Mixed-material sculptures and jewelry by Emily Bixler of Boet.

Photo: Boet



Vintage finds from Marquis De Mod.

Photo: Marquis De Mod



Ceramic vases, planters, and sculptures by Mixed Needs.

Photo: Mixed Needs





Gemstone terrazzo furniture by New Age Design Studio.

Photo: Chris Dibble



The Ünz tAble (“Unstable”), a collaboration between furniture designer Ryder Sherwood, glass designer Matthew Abadi, and artist Johanna Palmieri.

Photo: Ryder Sherwood



Graphic rugs by Vicki Simon.

Photo: Vicki Simon