

HOME STYLING

MODULAR

“The whole is greater than
the sum of its parts.”

ARISTOTLE

(Right) Hay Mags soft modular sofa, £2,417, nest.co.uk; (Below, from left) Montana wall hung wardrobe in white and Tokyo yellow lacquered MDF by Peter J Lassen, £3,639, aram.co.uk; HoSpazio series, from £3,148, letea.it; Vitra Kast shelf unit in multicolour, £6,506, nest.co.uk



MOVING PARTS

Shape shifting

From the practical to the playful, with many of us living in smaller apartments, flexible modular furniture designs are increasingly valued. Savvy storage solutions are essential in homes where space is at a premium. And the ability to reconfigure furniture is particularly convenient in spaces that are dual purpose, such as open-plan living-dining areas and studies which double as guest rooms. Stacking, sliding, slotting together, these latest designs can be endlessly and effortlessly adjusted and reconfigured to meet your needs. These are the multi-purpose modules for the modern day.

This Pie Chart System comprises different sized pie-like segments which can be combined or used individually as side or coffee tables. Optional container sections maximise storage space. Made from solid wood and plywood, and available in a variety of vibrant colours, this modular system is simple, playful and highly versatile. Pie chart system, from £254 for an oak quarter, hfurniture.co



Swiss Ingenuity

Successful Swiss company USM is the leading name in modular furniture, its renowned system the finest example of form following function. Available in 14 colours, USM's timeless designs are ideal for the home and office and enable endless customisation. The patented USM ball joint allows for a frame that can be built in any square or rectangular format and a unit that can be continually modified and extended. Long favoured by architects and creatives, USM's acceptance into the Design Collection of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in 2001 confirmed it as a true design classic. The brand celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

(Above, from left) USM Haller pedestal in golden yellow, £766; USM Haller storage with two drop down doors in golden yellow, usm.com £1,148; (Below) The patented USM ball joint is integral to the modular furniture design.



(Left) Artful Kids alphabet factory blocks
£110, notonthehighstreet.com
(Right) Tom Dixon cast factory money box
£95, selfridges.com



(Above, from left) Large wooden framed abacus, £145, turnerandcox.co.uk; Vintage French map, £105, turnerandcox.co.uk; Enameled École sign, £390, pedlars.co.uk; Vintage tinplate Triang toy train, £145, lassco.co.uk; 1940s vintage steel child's chair, £175, lassco.co.uk; (On the chair) Hay wooden ruler, £7, nookshop.co.uk; Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray - Clothbound Classic, £14.99, conranshop.co.uk; The Odyssey by Homer - Clothbound Classic, £14.99, conranshop.co.uk; Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen - Clothbound Classic, £14.99, conranshop.co.uk; French Solainor milk bottle, £20, lassco.co.uk; Hay wooden ruler triangle, £29, goodhoodstore.com

KIDS' HOME

COLOUR IN

Sturdy furniture and clever storage are essential building blocks for children's rooms. Hard-wearing vintage industrial pieces look great and will last. We've counted up some colourful additions for any cool kid's space, including characterful and capacious storage solutions that will make clearing up after your little ones seem like child's play.

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Brooklyn industrial green tall shelf with wheels, £279.90, maisonsdumonde.com



Nicolas child's bed in red, £189.90, maisonsdumonde.com



Locker double wardrobe, £225, next.co.uk



Retro child's chair, £75, roseandgrey.co.uk



Children's metal storage crates with wooden top, £75, blueticking.co.uk

Take A Seat

These tubular steel and plywood chairs have been given a colourful update with hand-painted stripes. School's definitely in for summer. *Striped British school chairs*, £165 each, oliviascott-taylor.com

