



Happy feet

At Dara Artisans global team focuses on design, but also pays a lot of attention to the designers themselves; their travels and encounters, their inspiration, music and passion. The beautiful handmade indigo Ikat shoes shown here, designed by Tucker Robbins, are woven by traditional female weavers from Guatemala. The soles are made of old car tyres, and the shoes are stitched by a traditional cobbler from the village of San Pedro. The name DARA translates roughly into 'star' in Khmer, 'leader' in Turkish, 'compassion' in Hebrew and 'beautiful one' in Swahili. www.daraartisans.com

Nature on your skin

Designer Lena Skadegard creates beautiful handmade jewellery from untreated and organic gemstones in fantastic hues. She takes inspiration from nature, history, religion and culture, while travelling and dividing her time between three continents. These themes are reflected in her work, as seen in this handmade bracelet by craftsmen in India. The turquoise stones are said to have healing powers. www.lenaskadegard.com



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The people behind Couleur Locale travel the world in search of that special wonderment brought by inspiring colours, strange cultures, magical scenery and fascinating people. In other words: local colour, 'Couleur Locale'. This lovingly made elephant is part of the 'Animaux de Nîmes' series, a small collection of animals. It's made of recycled denim. It gets softer and more beautiful as time goes by. www.couleurlocale.eu



Into the wild

Who doesn't love the scent of woods or mountains? Juniper Ridge is probably the only brand in the world which manages to squeeze nature into a bottle. Its creators search, pick, and distil on the spot to get the most wonderful scents from freshly picked plants, mosses and mushrooms. Every scent is named after the wood that provided the ingredients. <https://juniperridge.com>

Daily rituals

dbO HOME is a design studio run by an American couple which carries a small collection of handmade ceramics. They make small luxury items for daily rituals. Each item is unique and has a tiny imperfection that shows the hand of its maker. Just like this small noodle bowl with an Indian block print. www.dbohome.com

