

## Kenya Hara Designing Design

This text examines the small woven and wrought works artist Sheila Hicks has produced over years. Focusing on 100 Hicks miniatures from many public and private collections, it includes three informative essays as well as illustrations of the artist's related drawings, photographs and chronology.

In front of the backdrop of recent disasters Kenya Hara founded the platform "house vision" in order to contemplate possible new ways of living in the post-industrial age, while at the same time combining sustainable architecture with the latest technology. Containing essays by renowned architects and artists, House Vision continues where the eponymous exhibition left off. Toyo Ito, the winner of this year's Pritzker Prize, develops a vision of a house for a nostalgic future. Sou Fujimoto invents a "Powerhouse," which unites all electronic applications in itself; the flower artist Makoto Azuma designs walls with plants, and Hiroshi Sugimoto invokes native materials, using them to design futuristic ways of living. This publication sheds light on this Japanese project from a western standpoint, offering generally applicable ideas for architecture and life in the future. With contributions by Makoto Azuma, Masataka Baba, Joshiaki Fujimori, Sou Fujimoto, Kenya Hara, Kunio Harimoto, Atsumi Hayashi, Hidemitsu Hori, Akira

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Ichikawa, Jun Inokuma, Toyo Ito, Masaaki Kanai, Norio Kanayama, Kengo Kuma, Muneaki Masuda, Toshiharu Naka, Yuri Naruse, Ban Shigeru, Hirokazu Suemitsu, Hiroshi Sugimoto, Naoya Toida, Sadao Tsuchiya, Riken Yamamoto, Hiroya Yoshizato.

"The designers Jasper Morrison and Naoto Fukasawa have compiled 204 everyday objects in search of ""super normal design"": alongside examples of anonymous design like the Swiss Rex vegetable peeler or a simple plastic bag, there are design classics like Marcel Breuer's tubular steel side table, Dieter Ram's 606 shelving system, or Joe Colombo's Optic alarm clock of 1970. With products by Newson, Grcic, the Azumis, and the Bouroullec brothers, it also represents the generation to which Morrison and Fukasawa belong. The phenomenon of the super normal is located, as it were, beyond space and time; the past and present of product design both point to a future that has long since begun. The super normal is already lying exposed before us; it exists in the here and now; it is real and available: we need only open our eyes; Fukasawa and Morrison make it visible for us. "

Explore the enduring beauty of Japanese design through some 250 objects, ranging from bento boxes, calligraphy brushes, and Shoji sliding doors to Noguchi's Akari lamp, the iconic Kikkoman soy sauce bottle, and a

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modern&hyphen;day kimono designed by Issey Miyake. Printed on craft paper and bound in the traditional Japanese style, WA features stunning, full&hyphen;page illustrations and an introduction by MUJI art director Kenya Hara.

Poemotion is an interactive book-object. The abstract graphical patterns in this small volume are set in motion as soon as you move the attached special foil across them: moiré effects allow complex forms to develop, set circles in motion and make graphical patterns vibrate. Inspired by Seesaw, an earlier book from the publisher, in a playful and at the same time minimalist way the Japanese designer Takahiro Kurashima establishes a link to the motif of a "School of Seeing" that has long occupied a special place in the program of Lars Müller Publishers. With this book the viewer can discover how, as if by magic, figures and forms are created out of optical overlays, set in motion and then disappear again. In the era of digitalization this book shows that interactivity is also possible in the format of the analogous, bound book.

“Sublime . . . Kalman’s elegantly witty and at times melancholy narrative runs arm in arm with her unmistakable paintings on a serendipitous romp through the history of the world.” —Vanity Fair “Wildly original . . . there’s nothing else even remotely like it . . . This hilarious, wise, and deeply moving volume [is] the

ultimate picture book for grown-ups.” —O Magazine Maira Kalman paints her highly personal worldview in this inimitable combination of image and text An irresistible invitation to experience life through a beloved artist's psyche, *The Principles of Uncertainty* is a compilation of Maira Kalman's New York Times columns. Part personal narrative, part documentary, part travelogue, part chapbook, and all Kalman, these brilliant, whimsical paintings, ideas, and images - which initially appear random - ultimately form an intricately interconnected worldview, an idiosyncratic inner monologue.

Karl Gerstner (TM)'s work is a milestone in the history of design. One of his most important works is *Designing Programmes*, which is presented here in a new edition of the original 1964 publication. In four essays, the author provides a basic introduction to his design methodology. Instead of set recipes, the method suggests a model for design in the early days of the computer era. The intellectual models it proposes, however, continue to be useful today. What it does not purvey is cut-and-dried, true-or-false solutions or absolutes of any kind - instead, it develops fundamental principles in an innovative and future-oriented way. The book is especially topical and exciting in the context of current developments in computational design, which seem to hold out the possibility of programmed design. With many examples from the worlds of graphic and

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product design, music, architecture, and art, it inspires the reader to seize on the material, develop it further, and integrate it into his or her own work.

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Thinking: Objects: Contemporary Approaches to Product Design discusses influences on modern product design such as globalization, technology, the media and the need for a sustainable future, and demonstrates how readers can incorporate these influences into their own work. The book also discusses how readers can learn to read the signals an object sends, interpret meaning and discover historical context. Thinking: Objects provides an essential reference tool that will enable you to find your own style and succeed in the industry.

This thought-provoking and practical book for graphic designers and students explores creative practice in graphic design. The book looks at the essential elements of the creative process through a series of in-depth studies of a range of real-life graphic design projects from the art direction of a magazine issue and the development of a logo, to the design of a poster, a font and a signage system. In each case, the designers are interviewed and their working process documented in detail.

The story of Japan's design ethos, by Muji's celebrated art director As Art Director for Muji since 2002, Japanese graphic designer Kenya Hara (born 1958)

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and his aesthetic of pared-back, beautifully functional objects has taken the world by (quiet) storm. With *Kenya Hara: Designing Japan*, the designer presents his vision of how his industry can contribute to the future of his country: a future founded on Hara's unique philosophy of beauty as well as crowd-sourced wisdom from around the world. The book spans history, from the beginnings of professional Japanese design in the 16th century to the impact of the 2011 Tohoku earthquake. But Hara's real focus is on the future. A master collaborator, meticulous organizer and globally conscious innovator, Hara draws on more than three decades of work in design and exhibition curating, as well his professional interactions with creators from many fields. *Designing Japan* offers a foundation course on the essence of Japanese aesthetics, while maintaining a practical approach to Japan's circumstances and future possibilities. Hara reveals the methods by which designers in Japan work with government and industry, and considers how design can propose solutions for this island nation as its population ages, other nations take over manufacturing and technology develops. Illustrations and examples recognize successful problem-solving through design, proving that design is a living, changing industry that remains relevant not in spite of, but as a partner to, advancing technology.

The world of white, from Muji art director Kenya Hara White not only plays an

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important role in Japanese cultures in general but also in the work of Kenya Hara, art director for Muji. In *100 Whites*, Hara gives 100 examples of white, such as snow, Iceland, rice and wax. On the basis of these examples he discusses the importance of white in design--not only as a color but as a philosophy. Hara describes how he experiments with the different whites he instances, what they mean in the process of his work and how they influence design today. *100 Whites* is the extension of Hara's previously published book *White*. The publication explores the essence of white, which Hara sees as symbolizing simplicity and subtlety. Kenya Hara (born 1958) is a Japanese graphic designer, a professor at the Musashino Art University and, since 2002, the art director for Muji. Hara has been awarded many prizes, such as the Japanese Cultural Design Award.

A National Book Critics Circle Award-winner elevates the ordinary events that occur to a man on his lunch hour into “a constant delight” of a novel (*The Boston Globe*). In this startling, witty, and inexhaustibly inventive novel, New York Times–bestselling author Nicholson Baker uses a one-story escalator ride as the occasion for a dazzling reappraisal of everyday objects and rituals. From the humble milk carton to the act of tying one’s shoes, *The Mezzanine* at once defamiliarizes the familiar world and endows it with loopy and euphoric poetry.

Baker's accounts of the ordinary become extraordinary through his sharp storytelling and his unconventional, conversational style. At first glance, *The Mezzanine* appears to be a book about nothing. In reality, it is a brilliant celebration of things, simultaneously demonstrating the value of reflection and the importance of everyday human experiences. "A very funny book . . . Its 135 pages probably contain more insight into life as we live it today than anything currently on the best-seller list." —The New York Times "Captures the spirit of American corporate life and invests it with a passion and sympathy that is entirely unexpected." —The Seattle Times "Among the year's best." —The Boston Globe "Baker writes with appealing charm . . . [He] clown[s] and shows off . . . rambles and pounces hard; he says acute things, extravagant things, terribly funny things." —Los Angeles Times Book Review "Wonderfully readable, in fact gripping, with surprising bursts of recognition, humor and wonder." —The Washington Post Book World

Any Baedeker will tell us where we ought to travel, but only Alain de Botton will tell us how and why. With the same intelligence and insouciant charm he brought to *How Proust Can Save Your Life*, de Botton considers the pleasures of anticipation; the allure of the exotic, and the value of noticing everything from a seascape in Barbados to the takeoffs at Heathrow. Even as de Botton takes the

reader along on his own peregrinations, he also cites such distinguished fellow-travelers as Baudelaire, Wordsworth, Van Gogh, the biologist Alexander von Humboldt, and the 18th-century eccentric Xavier de Maistre, who catalogued the wonders of his bedroom. *The Art of Travel* is a wise and utterly original book. Don't leave home without it.

While most attention is given to the booming mega-cities in China and the associated problems of over-population, the rural areas in China are being largely ignored. Yet, a sustainable development of the rural areas is precisely that, which will be decisive for China's future. Through its rapid development into an industrial country, China now needs to tackle far-reaching problems such as increasing population, growing income gap between the poor and the rich, rural exodus, decreased agricultural production, and environmental pollution. Rural Urban Framework is a work group at the University of Hong Kong that not only researches the far-reaching changes of the last thirty years in China's rural areas, but has also realized concrete projects aimed at improving supply and infrastructure on site. In this publication, the authors present for the first time the results of their research as well as their built projects in the Chinese backlands, and question whether China's only future model lies in cities.

Authoritative and engaging, *Design as an Attitude* explains how design is

responding to an age of intense economic, political, and ecological instability. It shows how resourceful designers are using new digital tools to help to tackle the environmental and refugee crises, and to reinvent dysfunctional social services. The book charts different aspects of contemporary design: from its role in interpreting new technologies and the emergence of a new wave of digitally empowered designers in Africa, to the craft revival, design's gender politics, design's contribution to tackling the environmental crisis and climate change, and its use in expressing our increasingly fluid personal identities. Design as an Attitude also tells the stories of the new design adventurers, such as Irma Boom, Studio Formafantasma, Jing He, and Hella Jongerius, among others. Design as an Attitude consists of an introduction followed by 12 chapters: What is Attitudinal Design?; Spot the Difference--Design and Art; The Craft Revival; The Descent of Objects; Back to the Future; Is Design Still a (cis) Man's World?; Design's Colour Problem; The Fun of the Fair; Choices, Choices, Choices; Out of Control; Design and Desire; and, When the Worst Comes to the Worst. An award-winning design critic and author, Alice Rawsthorn OBE (b.1958, Manchester) wrote a weekly design column for The New York Times, which was syndicated worldwide for over a decade. Her previous books include the critically acclaimed, Hello World: Where Design Meets Life (2013). Based in London, Rawsthorn speaks on design

at global events, including TED and the World Economic Forum in Davos. This book is part of the JRP Ringier Documents series, co-published with Les presses du réel and dedicated to critical writing.

How do we see the world around us? The Penguin on Design series includes the works of creative thinkers whose writings on art, design and the media have changed our vision forever. Bruno Munari was among the most inspirational designers of all time, described by Picasso as 'the new Leonardo'. Munari insisted that design be beautiful, functional and accessible, and this enlightening and highly entertaining book sets out his ideas about visual, graphic and industrial design and the role it plays in the objects we use everyday. Lamps, road signs, typography, posters, children's books, advertising, cars and chairs – these are just some of the subjects to which he turns his illuminating gaze.

Why, in spite of widespread designers' obsession with amazing bicycle concepts, bicycles still essentially adhere to traditional classic form? Why, in spite of countless car makes and models, the underlying car meta-form, is basically the same? On the other hand, why does our understanding of the word "chair" allow an extreme latitude of form variety? Why do kitchen appliances such as mixers and toasters, insist on retaining a specific form for each assigned function? These are some of the questions this book answers. The Form of Design is the first all-encompassing book about the visual language of man-made products. It explains how mass produced objects evolve over time and what made them change. Form evolution behaves in a similar way to language evolution and to some extent, even to natural evolution. In the book the author materializes the governing rules of form evolution by means of 14 case studies.

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These case studies encompass a diversity of product families such as smart phones and bicycles, coffee machines and chairs, TV screens and cooling fans, accompanied by charts and numerous illustrations that illuminate and elucidate the evolutionary processes involved. This book is not a historical review of thousands of years of evolution of man-made tools, artifacts and objects; it specifically focuses on recent, present and future trends. The accumulated cultural, cognitive science and design research knowledge is dealt with in part 1. Part 2 lay down the authors concepts of form. Then Part 3, the mainstay of the book (occupying about two thirds of the content), is devoted to the stories of the fourteen case studies.

Tibor Kalman: *Perverse Optimist* is the definitive and exuberant document of the late Tibor Kalman's work and ideas. This full-color, oversize title reveals Kalman's thoughts on magazines, advertising, sex, bookstores, food, and the design profession. Product designs, stills and storyboards from his film and video projects, and spreads from his book and magazine work are included. The impressive list of contributors includes Kurt Andersen, Paola Antonelli, David Byrne, Jay Chiat, Steven Heller, Isaac Mizrahi, Chee Pearlman, Rick Poynor, and Ingrid Sischy.

Representing a new generation of designers in Japan, Kenya Hara (born 1958) pays tribute to his mentors, using long overlooked Japanese icons and images in much of his work. In *Designing Design*, he impresses upon the reader the importance of emptiness in both the visual and philosophical traditions of Japan, and its application to design, made visible by means of numerous examples from his own work: Hara for instance designed the opening and closing ceremony programs for the Nagano Winter Olympic Games 1998. In 2001, he enrolled

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as a board member for the Japanese label MUJI and has considerably moulded the identity of this successful corporation as communication and design advisor ever since. Kenya Hara, alongside Naoto Fukasawa one of the leading design personalities in Japan, has also called attention to himself with exhibitions such as Re-Design: The Daily Products of the 21st Century.

Charles and Ray Eames are counted among the leading designers of the twentieth century. Perhaps best known for their furniture designs, the Eameses also made pioneering contributions to the fields of architecture (Eames House, Los Angeles), film (Powers of Ten), exhibitions ("Mathematica"), toys (House of Cards), graphics, and much more. Underlying all this work was a robust and compelling philosophy of design. "Essential Eames: Words and Pictures" draws from their lifetimes of speeches and writings, as well as an archive of nearly one million photographs taken by Charles and Ray Eames and their office staff over the course of four decades of work.

The first monograph on one of today's best-known Japanese product designers.

An experimental approach to the study and teaching of color is comprised of exercises in seeing color action and feeling color relatedness before arriving at color theory.

This fascinating monograph provides an unprecedented view into the inner workings of Muji, one of the most influential brands leading sustainable design. A prescient advocate of sustainable consumption and the matchless utility of good design, Muji's founding principle was to develop new and simple products at reasonable prices by making the best use of materials while minimizing their impact on the environment. From a humble inaugural line of eight products nearly three decades ago, the brand now sells nearly seven thousand different

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products in hundreds of its own stores in Asia, Europe, and North America.

Combining a wide-ranging discussion of the major issues of design with detailed and practical information, Norman Potter looks at the possibilities and limits of design, considers the designer as artisan and as artist, and asks: 'What is good design?' What is a Designer prompts its readers to think and act for themselves. The work adds up to a powerful and endlessly rewarding resource for students of all ages. First published in 1969, the book is now reissued to present the enduring core of Potter's arguments. An afterword by Robin Kinross sets the work and its author in their contexts.

A follow-up book to the classic *Wabi-Sabi: for Artists, Designers, Poets & Philosophers*, coinciding with the new edition of the bestseller *Designing Design*, Kenya Hara's latest book, *Ex-formation*, searches for the beginning of design in the unknown.

"Thinking with Type is to typography what Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time* is to physics."—*I Love Typography* The best-selling *Thinking with Type* in a revised and expanded second edition: *Thinking with Type* is the definitive guide to using typography in visual communication. Ellen Lupton provides clear and focused guidance on how letters, words, and paragraphs should be aligned, spaced, ordered, and shaped. The book covers all typography essentials, from typefaces and type families, to kerning and tracking, to using a grid. Visual examples show how to be inventive within systems of typographic form, including what the rules are, and how to break them. This revised edition includes forty-eight pages of new content with the latest information on: • style

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sheets for print and the web • the use of ornaments and captions • lining and non-lining numerals • the use of small caps and enlarged capitals • mixing typefaces • font formats and font licensing Plus, new eye-opening demonstrations of basic typography design with letters, helpful exercises, and dozens of additional illustrations. Thinking with Type is the typography book for everyone: designers, writers, editors, students, and anyone else who works with words. If you love font and lettering books, Ellen Lupton's guide reveals the way typefaces are constructed and how to use them most effectively. Fans of Thinking with Type will love Ellen Lupton's new book Extra Bold: A Feminist, Inclusive, Anti-racist, Nonbinary Field Guide for Graphic Designers.

UFO Presences explores the places where UFO sightings have taken place across America: in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and of course the infamous Area 51, along South Central Nevada's State Route 375--the so-called Extraterrestrial Highway, where so many travelers have reported UFO observations and other bizarre alien activities. Spanish photographer Javier Arcenillas (born 1973) has diligently photographed these locations, and sequenced them in this book as a visual road trip, mixing his photographs with news clippings and other relevant ephemera. UFO Presences is the winner of RM's 6th Photobook Award with a jury composed of David Company, Lesley Martin, Julien Frydman, Susan Meiselas, Martin Parr and Alec Soth, among others.

"White" is not a book about colors. It is rather Kenya Haras attempt to explore the

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essence of "White", which he sees as being closely related to the origin of Japanese aesthetics - symbolizing simplicity and subtlety. The central concepts discussed by Kenya Hara in this publication are emptiness and the absolute void. Kenya Hara also sees his work as a designer as a form of communication. Good communication has the distinction of being able to listen to each other, rather than to press one's opinion onto the opponent. Kenya Hara compares this form of communication with an "empty container". In visual communication, there are equally signals whose signification is limited, as well as signals or symbols such as the cross or the red circle on the Japanese flag, which - like an "empty container" - permit every signification and do not limit imagination. Not alone the fact that the Japanese character for white forms a radical of the character for emptiness has prompted him to closely associate the color white with emptiness.

Graphic Design Theory is organized in three sections: "Creating the Field" traces the evolution of graphic design over the course of the early 1900s, including influential avant-garde ideas of futurism, constructivism, and the Bauhaus; "Building on Success" covers the mid- to late twentieth century and considers the International Style, modernism, and postmodernism; and "Mapping the Future" opens at the end of the last century and includes current discussions on legibility, social responsibility, and new media. Striking color images illustrate each of the movements discussed and demonstrate the ongoing relationship between theory and practice. A brief commentary

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prefaces each text, providing a cultural and historical framework through which the work can be evaluated. Authors include such influential designers as Herbert Bayer, L'szlo Moholy-Nagy, Karl Gerstner, Katherine McCoy, Michael Rock, Lev Manovich, Ellen Lupton, and Lorraine Wild. Additional features include a timeline, glossary, and bibliography for further reading. A must-have survey for graduate and undergraduate courses in design history, theory, and contemporary issues, *Graphic Design Theory* invites designers and interested readers of all levels to plunge into the world of design discourse.

A spectacular and unprecedented visual biography of the leading pioneers and protagonists of modern art and design Josef - painter, designer, and teacher - and Anni Albers - textile artist and printmaker - are among the twentieth century's most important abstract artists, and this is the first monograph to celebrate the rich creative output and beguiling relationship of these two masters in one elegant volume. It presents their life and work as never before, from their formative years at the Bauhaus in Germany to their remarkable influence at Black Mountain College in the United States through their intensely productive period in Connecticut.

"Design is a way to engage with real content, real experience," writes celebrated essayist Michael Bierut in this follow-up to his best-selling *Seventy-Nine Short Essays on Design* (2007). In more than fifty smart and accessible short pieces from the past decade, Bierut engages with a fascinating and diverse array of subjects. Essays range

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across design history, practice, and process; urban design and architecture; design hoaxes; pop culture; Hydrox cookies, Peggy Noonan, baseball, The Sopranos; and an inside look at his experience creating the "forward" logo for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. Other writings celebrate such legendary figures as Jerry della Femina, Alan Fletcher, Charley Harper, and his own mentor, Massimo Vignelli. Bierut's longtime work in the trenches of graphic design informs everything he writes, lending depth, insight, and humor to this important and engrossing collection.

The Netherlands at the forefront of design! Everybody is a designer! But why? Why do we colour, organize, and form the world around us - and why do we call that a profession? In this book, Thonik, an Amsterdam-based studio led by lauded designers Nikki Gonnissen and Thomas Widdershoven, researches eleven personal reasons why they design - from the need to create impact to a constant search for independence; from the benefits of systems to the urgency of play. *Why We Design* looks back on twenty-five years of design practice and speculates on the future of graphic design.

**SELLING POINTS:** \* Thonik's collection of works from the past 25 years \* The Amsterdam-based studio discusses their past, present, and future need to design. Utilitarian objects, including basketry, ceramics, lacquer, metalwork, and textiles, are presented in five areas of aesthetic taste that describe the essence of Japanese design.

Following the worldwide success of his *Poemotion* trilogy, Takahiro Kurashima's latest

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book delights the eye with ingenious visual play Kurashima's interactive book objects feature graphic patterns that are animated by the reader/viewer with a special foil contained within the book, so that figures and forms are created out of optical overlays, set in motion and then disappear again. Here, an astonishing panorama of unseen moiré effects (i.e. interference patterns produced when an opaque ruled pattern with gaps is overlaid on another similar pattern) unfolds. Kurashima deploys the digital tools for his creations with tremendous virtuosity, while also evoking and alluding to the rich precedents of kinetic art. Moirémotion offers contemplative recreation for our eyes. Takahiro Kurashima (born 1970) studied at the Musashino Art University and since 1993 has lived in Tokyo, where he works as an artist and designer. He collaborates with artists from various genres such as fashion, design and music. Kurashima's series Poemotion 1-3 is known all over the world.

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