

whenobjectswork

architectural objects for every day use

whenobjectswork ceramic bowl cobalt blue

‘have nothing in your houses which you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful’

William Morris

whenobjectswork is the vision of the owner Beatrice Delafontaine, editing objects designed by leading designers and architects whose work shares a preoccupation with simple forms, immaculate function and a timeless idiom.

The Belgian company distributes the objects worldwide.

The company is founded on the principle that domestic objects may be useful and beautiful. From the first collection launched in 2001, the company has explored the theme of decorative art as superlative equipment in the fullest and most challenging ways possible, commissioning mostly architects from around the world to produce gracious solutions for tasks of everyday life.

Most objects are handmade in a wide variety of authentic materials and production methods.







HUGUES DE BLIGNIERES - bowl in nickel mat or bronzed (leather inlay)



MAXIMILIAN JENCQUEL - bell jar : foot aluminum - glass in different colors







MAXIMILIAN JENCQUEL - vase in glass & Iran granite



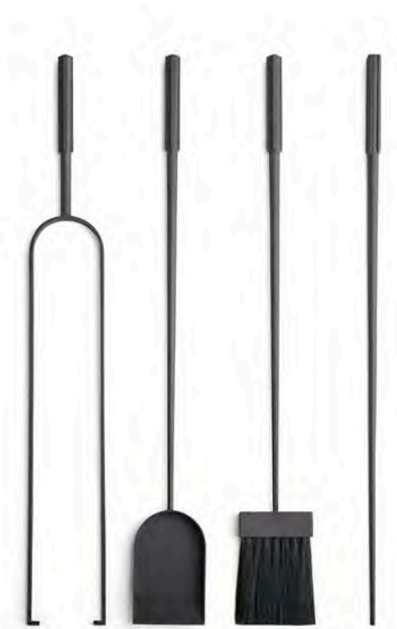


it's all about form and proportion ...



J.PAWSON - bowl in Massangis stone





the beautiful is in the useful, and the useful in the beautiful ...



J.PAWSON - storage pots

"design is about bringing the people, the spaces they occupy and the objects they use into harmony with one another.

This harmony is a measure of the true comfort."

John Pawson



candle lights, centerpieces that enhance the overall ambiance.



J.PAWSON - tea lights white marble









serving as elegant dining companions to versatile decor elements, these tray exudes modern appeal while embodying timeless symbolism

honest & authentic materials ...



C.BERNING - bowl bohemian crystal





uncompromising choice of materials and production methods ...

N.SCHUYBROEK - vase in German limestone
V.VAN DUYSEN - bowl in German limestone



N.SCHUYBROEK - vase in German limestone and walnut wood



N.SCHUYBROEK - storage pots in pewter- lid glass

good proportion leads to balanced, aesthetically pleasing compositions….



MANUEL AIRES MATEUS - bowl in white marble



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K.HUME - vase in mouthblown glass
N.SCHUYBROEK - bookends in pewter





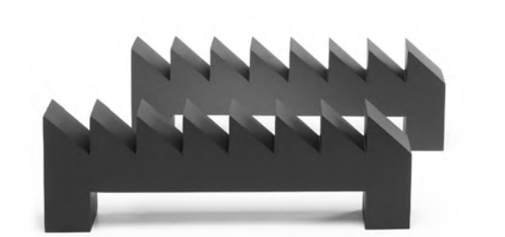
the gesture of the craftsman ...





"timeless design is not just about aesthetics; it’s about creating solutions that endure, resonate, and inspire across generations."

designed by JMW in the 80s ...





J.M.WILMOTTE - firedogs



simple dimensions go beyond pure aesthetics ...



ANN VAN HOEY - bowl in cast bronze, edition of 30pc

by the work one knows the workman ...

Jean de la Fontaine

reduced to the essence with sustainable materials ...



M.VERHEYDEN - bowl with lid in oak



V.VAN DUYSEN - bowl in muschelkalk - tableware collection ceramic





the difference of scale, colour and materials creates a powerful rhythm and modulations ...

Vincent van Duysen



V.VAN DUYSEN - pottery collection



made with respect, love and passion ...



