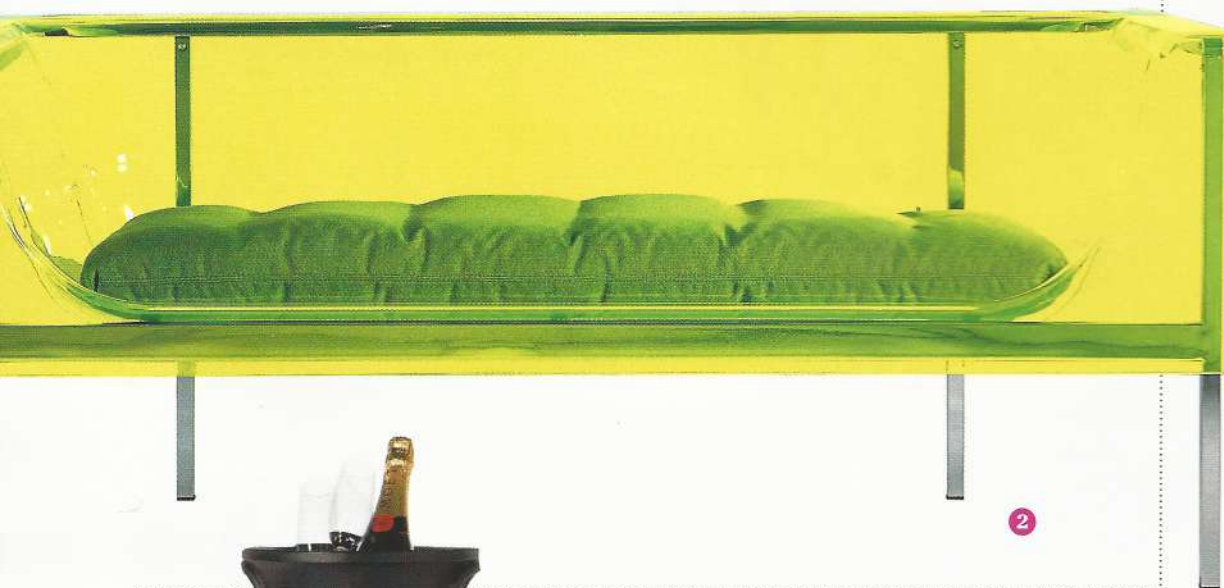


# Rhymes with Fantastic

*Stainless steel and exotic woods make way for an unlikely new material du jour*

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Plastic has come a long way. The seemingly inelegant material is fast becoming a favorite of designers, who are taking advantage of new technologies to mold plastic into durable, eye-catching furniture that'll liven up any interior or send an outdoor patio over the top. Take a look at these fashion forward items and you'll soon agree with noted New York City industrial designer Karim Rashid, who rhapsodizes about what he calls "the fluidness of plastic." **M**



1. Meridiana, designed by Christophe Pillet, has a ruby red polycarbonate seat and chromed steel structure, \$522, [driademiami.com](http://driademiami.com).
2. Driade's Phantom sofa, \$8,680, designed by Peter Emmerich and Roberts is eerily irresistible, at M2L, 215 E. 58th Street, 212-832-8222, [m2collection.com](http://m2collection.com).
3. Bag floor lamp, designed by Carlo Colombo, is made of plastic in white, black and orange, \$2,350, at arravanti.com.
4. Piergiorgio Cazzaniga designed the Sign armchair, \$2,100, at MDF Italia, made of lacquered polyimide, at [luminaires.com](http://luminaires.com).
5. Chill that Moët et Chandon in style with this black contoured stool, \$787, at [mooimiami.com](http://mooimiami.com).