

# Mendel HEIT

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## Presentation

### Mendel Heit Design Lab:

Focused on innovation and human scaled production, MHDL is a design studio that combines the advantages of contemporary fabrication with the value of traditional craftsmanship. This working process nourishes the innovative development of furniture, home accessories or customized 3d-printed products, while always aiming for durable and emotional concepts.



### Mendel Heit:

is a French German product designer from Berlin. He runs a laboratory for innovative product design and furniture, ranging from digital fabrication, craftsmanship to experimental research.

After various encounters in art, car design, architecture & interaction, his main focus now lies on furniture, products, accessories and research that merge new fabrication technologies with artisan heritage in production processes.

this year's tagline: **Design is about trust.**

### New pieces at Salone Satellite 2019:

Mendel Heit's pieces shown at Salone Satellite 2019 combine traditional crafts like glass-blowing, metalworking and ceramics with new fabrication technologies like 3d printing, CNC- milling and programmable electronics. **His working process is triggered by a dialogue with a craftsman, and followed by series of shared experimentations** with traditional and new techniques. The stories that emerge from these encounters result in carefully crafted pieces that hold strong emotions and use optimized manufacturing technologies to their advantage, whilst staying in a human scale.



This year, a particular interest lies the use of **recycled plastic** stock materials. How can recycled plastics used as a central ingredients of furniture? The combinations explored with the „Confetti“ collection show a how recycled bottle caps from the Atlantic coast can be **combined with wood and metal.**

Also presented this year at the Salone Satellite are **formal explorations in porcelain**, designed digitally and crafted by hand. And finally, experimentations with **glass and waffle-making-machines** are turned into a series of pendant lamps.

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## Confetti

coffee table  
oiled ash, blue recycled HDPE  
45x53x50 cm

Combining a classic leg structure in wood, with a CNC-cut tabletop made of recycled plastic, waste recovered on the Atlantic coast of Senegal, this coffee table creates a vibrant colourful mood. The **blue and white pattern of the recycled plastic, combined with oiled ash**, result in a light side-table for books and drinks with an original visual quality.

<https://www.mendelheit.com/projects/furniture/confetti-coffee-table>



## Confetti

low sideboard  
oiled ash, white marble recycled HDPE  
102x40x40 cm

In the same range than the coffee table, the **Confetti sideboard uses the recycled plastic sheets as sliding doors**. These doors are made of beige, white and black spots, which give them a stone-like look and while blending well into the light tone of oiled ash. Strong surrounding chamfers lighten up the edges of this low sideboard.

<https://www.mendelheit.com/projects/furniture/confetti-sideboard>



## Confetti

stool  
powder-coated steel, recycled HDPE in various colours  
33x33x45 cm

With a lightweight steel structure and a thin recycled plastic seat, the Confetti stool is stackable and comes in infinite variations of recycled plastic motives and colours. The CNC-cut seat uses recycled HDPE, based on waste recovered from the Atlantic coast of Senegal. It comes in different colour tones and also allows customizations.

<https://www.mendelheit.com/projects/furniture/confetti-stool>



## Waffle

pendant lamp collection  
mouth-blown glass, powder-coated steel, G9 socket for LED  
various sizes

Inspired by the distinctive shapes of traditional waffle-makers, this series of pendant lamps shows the result of blowing glass into a waffle-maker. **Through the embossed waffle form, these glass lamps play with shadows and light effects**, which makes them an interesting piece for dinner tables and restaurants.

<https://www.mendelheit.com/projects/objects/waffle>



## Ridge

pendant lamp & vase  
biscuit porcelain

Ridge is the result of a **formal exploration** with strong distinctive shapes in porcelain using generative tools. These deep ridges follow the spiral patterns found in nature, and **adds contrasts and light effects** to the pieces of the collection.

Designed digitally and crafted by hand.

<https://www.mendelheit.com/projects/objects/ridge>