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THE LOOK: NATURAL CURIOSITIES

In our sharing world of Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram, design inspiration is moving at lightning speed. Industry pros recently took a minute to slow down and savor the latest in today's décor at the second annual The Look, the Fall Market at the [Boston Design Center](#). The day generated creativity with panel discussions, showroom luncheons and new product launches. Led by keynote speaker Marisa Marcantonio, former style editor for *House Beautiful* and founder of her [Stylebeat](#) blog, 2014's pivotal trends were explored and celebrated. First up is natural curiosities.

NATURAL CURIOSITIES

Mother Nature's masterpieces are continuing to inspire designers. Fossils, domed specimens and mounted taxidermy show an appreciation for our natural world. Known for its love affair with the great outdoors, **Janus et Cie** pays homage to **natural forms** through buds, branches and discreet foliage, as exemplified in the textured handcrafted ceramic of Leaves vases.



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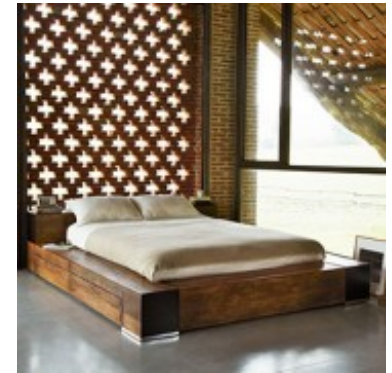
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Leaves collection, Janus et Cie

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Furn & Co. embraces the influx of natural curiosities with **flora and fauna mountings** that bring the outside in through taxidermy and stylized interpretations of bugs and birds.

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Taxidermy mountings, domed Goliath beetle, available at Furn & Co.

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A faux tortoise shell by **Kravet** provides an eye-catching **nature-inspired focal point** with smooth glazed surfaces that reflect the light.



Faux tortoise shell wall art, Kravet accessory

Curtains and upholstery are excellent places for hints of natural wonder, such as those showcased in **Manuel Canovas' Le Cabinet de Curiosities** fabric—a menagerie of domed butterflies, scalloped shells, starfish and coral.



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