

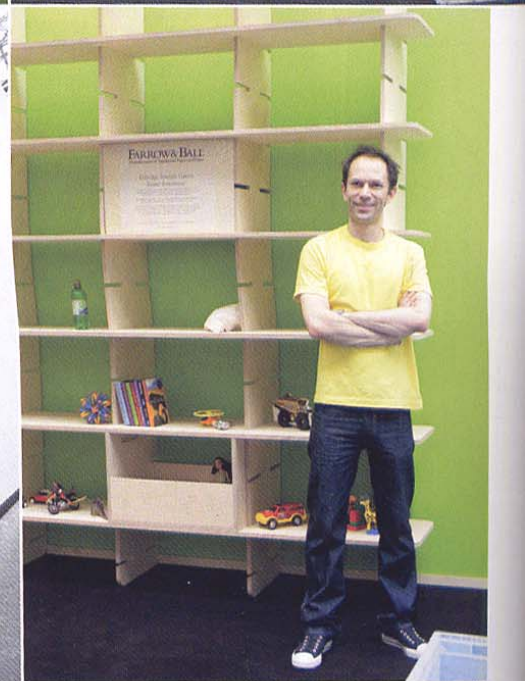
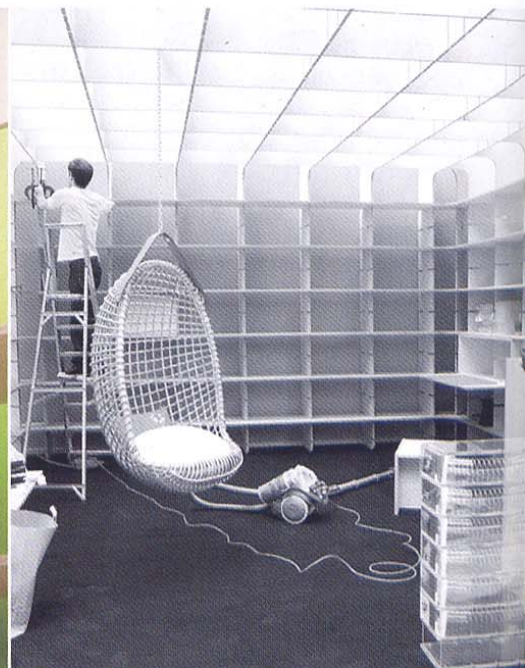
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Nick Eldridge and Piers Smerin chose to interpret *House & Garden's* brief by concentrating on space, its scarcity and how to make maximum use of it. The result was 'Anyroom; Everyroom', a honeycomb-like birch-ply structure created in conjunction with joinery specialists Opus Magnum. The idea was that this room could be assembled within an existing room or space, or even be a stand-alone building with a green sedum roof, a 'pocket of outdoor space'.

'We tried to show its different uses simultaneously in four ways,' explains Piers: 'A place to work; somewhere for children to play; an entertainment area; and an all-round storage space. "Anyroom; Everyroom" is architectural but instant: you can modify it to suit your environment whether that's an industrial conversion or a period house.'

Another function of Eldridge Smerin's room was to showcase the broad use of sustainable materials such as ply, felt, wool and rubber. The only piece of freestanding furniture was the iconic Sixties swinging rattan chair; all other furnishings were integral - pull-out felt-topped seating, a suspended felt magazine rack, a television platform and writing desk.

'This is a time when we are all questioning how we should be living and want to do something about it,' explains Nick. 'We all want to apply this to our living space in some profound way, and this room was a way of showing that dramatic houses with sophisticated interiors can still be ethical.'
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THIS PAGE Architects Piers (above) and Nick (left) fitting together their intricate birch-ply structure. The backdrop is painted in their signature shade of lime green

OPPOSITE TOP The textured felt furniture can be tucked away at a moment's notice

OPPOSITE BELOW Anne Kyyro Quinn's felt designs include this hanging magazine storage rack: a striking artistic statement in its own right that also acts as a moveable room divider

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