

Philippe Starck 1949 -

Philippe Starck is one of the best-known contemporary designers in the world.

He has not only received public acclaim for his amazing building interior designs but has also proved to be an accomplished architect and product designer.

Much of his work produced in the 1980's and 1990's was influenced by fashion and novelty.

It has even been referred to by some as being 'overdesigned'. In the 21st century his approach to design seems to have changed.

Starck has recently promoted the ethos that honesty and integrity should be at the core of design. Products should not be created as 'throw away artifacts', only surviving for as long as they remain in fashion but should ideally have longevity and durability. He believes that as designers we need to be both honest and objective.



Philippe Starck was born in Paris on 18 January 1949. The son of an aircraft designer, it is he who probably inspired the young Starck.

Even at a very early age Starck showed enthusiasm for design. Starck lives and works in Paris. Products designed by Starck can be seen on display in the collections of a number of European and American museums, among them the Brooklyn Museum in New York, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, and the Museum of Design in London.

In addition to all of the above, during the 1980s Starck designed numerous collections.

He also created individual items of furniture to be manufactured by firms all over the world.

In the field of industrial design, he has been responsible for the creation of a wide variety of objects, including mineral-water bottles for Glacier, kitchen appliances for Alessi, toothbrushes for Fluocaril, luggage for Vuitton, "Urban Fittings" for Decaux, office furniture for Vitra, as well as vehicles, computers, doorknobs, spectacle frames...

Starck's work has brought him numerous prizes and awards.



Juicy Salif Lemon Squeezer



Originally, this iconic lemon juicer was inspired by squeezing a lemon over a squid in a sea food restaurant.

It is manufactured by Italian kitchenware company [Alessi](#).

It is made from cast and polished aluminium.

Starck is rumored to have said, "My juicer is not meant to squeeze lemons; it is meant to start conversations"

This modern swivel chair comes in two versions, one with leather for indoor use, and the other with base and swivel seat in lacquered nylon for indoor or outdoor use.



Moor Modern Swivel Chair

*Optical mouse,
designed for
Microsoft , 2004.*



*Shoe designed for
Puma, 2005.*



*'WW Stool', 1990. Designed for use by film
director Wim Wenders. The chair is upright,
and has a footrest near the base of one of the
legs.*



O Cross Digi Watch



Starck Satelitem Watch



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