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D.E.S.I.G.N. explores the creative spark behind sixty-nine imaginative household objects produced in the past 150 years.

Most people spend a lot of time seated, so many of the featured objects are chairs, sofas and tables. Some pieces have become popular household items, like the bean bag. Other furniture designs haven't been so successful, such as a shopping trolley chair or a lamp made from toothpaste tubes.

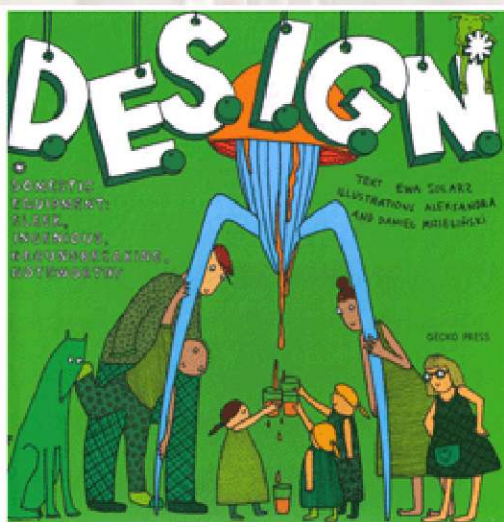
Have you seen the tables that sit across hospital beds and can be rolled up close to the patients? An early model of this useful table was designed in 1927 and is an excellent example of how innovative ideas can improve people's lives.

Another practical item is a compact laptop designed to help children from poor countries with their learning. It has numerous languages, an inbuilt aerial and camera for long-distance communication, plus it's ultra-durable. The laptop can be charged by turning a handle or by connecting to a car engine. Best of all, it's free to the children who need them most.

Some objects have been crafted for their sculptural beauty, others for their usefulness. The designers chose a range of materials to make their items such as wood, glass, plastic, leather, paper and recycled materials. One thing all the designs have in common is creativity.

D.E.S.I.G.N. lives up to its full title: Domestic Equipment: Sleek, Ingenious, Groundbreaking, Noteworthy. The superb design of this attractive hardback publication does justice to its subject.

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