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Ambiente Top ten**Interiors, February 10-14 2006, Frankfurt, Germany**

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1. Droog Design

Heat Wave Radiator by Droog Design

The **Heat Wave Radiator** designed by **Joris Laarman** for Droog, was launched at Milan in 2003 as a concept. The first consumer electrical version was launched at Ambiente this year. With its Baroque-inspired design, Laarman has combined style with functionalism. It is a modular radiator made of concrete and aluminium, consolidated by glass fibre, which, starting off with 4 basic elements, can be extended as one pleases.

2. Sunanda Halder

Sunanda Halder

Once a designer for Shades of India, **Sunanda** has now designed her new brand under her own name. Drawing from traditional craft techniques from India, her range reflects an eclectic mix of texture, colour and diversity.

3. Via Finest Tiles**Top Ten:****Droog Design**

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Via Finest Tiles

The design company is based in Germany, yet the tiles are produced in Spain, allowing for a combination in design and technique. Although the tiles look traditionally Mediterranean, **Via Finest** have developed a cheaper, more hardwearing concrete version.

4. Paola Navone for Egizia



Paola Navone for Egizia

Although **Paola Navone** has designed for Egizia for a number of seasons, her new Moroccan-inspired range was launched at Ambiente. The collection included a teapot, tea glasses, votives and hi-ball tumblers in three colourways of applied pattern.

5. Coltellerie Berti



Coltellerie Berti

An Italian family run business since 1895, **Berti** have developed

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a beautiful collection of cooking knives, available with a number of different handles including bone, horn wood or ceramic. The designs are simple, functional and can be bought individually in their own wooden block. The innovative blocks are magnetic so the customer can build their own collection which fits together.

6. Royal VKB



Royal VKB

A new food-related brand launched at Ambiente 2005, **Royal VKB** likes to develop smart food tools, which are solid and stylish. WGSN's favourite was the cookware with a locking system which enables you to drain, holding with one hand. New colours this year include white and olive green.

7. Bellini Piu



Bellini Piu

A **Tuscan ceramic company** producing highly decorative collections. These oven to table dishes were spotted in the corner due to their muted colour palettes. At first glance they appeared to be enamel, on closer inspection, they are fine ceramic.

8. Wildlife Garden





Wildlife Garden

Birdhouses were in abundance this year. However this **Bauhaus-inspired 'Condo'** was WGSN's favourite for its humorous approach.

9. Chione & Lorenz



Chione & Lorenz

Detailed designs for giftwrap from a new company exhibiting at Ambiente. The **intricate patterns** and tonal colourways were a favourite.

10. Doris Bank



Doris Bank

Unique designs in **earthy colour palette** developed in a raku technique. Beautifully executed.

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Ambiente Cushions & throws

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Linum



Danish Crafts



Pension For Produkte

- Printed appliqué, crosstitch and floral drawings mixed together for interesting collage effects.

- Overscale sequined embellishments, which include materials such as beads and horn.

- Bold stripes in linen, twill and necktie silk.

- Peacock patterned, jacquard-knitted throws.

- Supersoft cashmere and alpaca cushions, throws and scarves in a range of mouthwatering colours.



Danish Crafts



Katrin Leuze



Elvang



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