

These Were the 10 Most Memorable Design Moments, Debuts, and Curveballs of 2020

Every corner of the design industry was undoubtedly affected by the coronavirus pandemic

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As much as 2020 has been fraught with challenges, it has also been a year of revelations. In the midst of a global pandemic, people have adapted their homes to best suit their personal and professional lives. The art and design industry has been forced to navigate a world deprived of events like fairs, trade shows, and exhibitions that inform and inspire. And designers and institutions have reached culture enthusiasts and consumers in new, digital-forward ways. Despite its considerable challenges, 2020 has still seen towering buildings rise and stunning products and collaborations launched. Below, we take a look back in a year of design news like no other.





Split Pendant by Kelly Behun for Hudson Valley Lighting. Photo: Courtesy of Hudson Valley Lighting

In spite of the year's unprecedented challenges, Kelly Behun's career has soared with several exciting projects and product launches. In July, the AD100 designer's bold interiors for Robert A.M. Stern's 1228 Madison Avenue residential project were unveiled. But if a duplex in the sky is out of reach, a trove of new products conceived by Behun will allow consumers to bring her distinctive aesthetic into their homes. These include the designer's first outdoor furniture line (created with The Invisible Collection), first collaboration with The Rug Company, and a collection of black and white light fixtures for Hudson Valley Lighting.