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Dickey  
keeps  
rolling as  
Mets pull into  
Subway Series  
with win in D.C.

# R.A. TRAIN



**SANTONIO 'OVER'**  
Holmes takes himself out  
due to 'too many'

...kees face Johan Santana tonight, but may be relieved that R.A. Dickey won't pitch in Subway Series this weekend after knuckleballer runs s  
...ak to 24<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings as Mets beat Nationals, 3-1, yesterday to end three-game slide before heading into the Bronx. **Subway Series coverage**



# LOCALS MADE GOOD

Not to be outdone by the international set, lots of New Yorkers had their wares on display at the ICFF. Here are three that do New York proud with products conceived and created in our hometown.

**FLAT VERNACULAR:** Conceived and based in Bushwick by married couple Payton Turner and Brian Kaspr, Flat Vernacular makes cooler-than-thou hand-drawn and hand-printed wallpapers. They do custom work as well. We loved their florals and "Toile de Derby," which shows county car races in a new light. [Flatvernacular.com](http://Flatvernacular.com).



**STICKBULB:** From Long Island City-based RUX, a forward-thinking design studio, comes Stickbulb. These simple lights might be the smartest conceived luminous product at the ICFF. Like the name suggests, they're just sticks with LED lights. They come in different sizes. Some are made from the original Ipe wood salvaged from the Coney Island Boardwalk. [Stickbulb.com](http://Stickbulb.com).

**PLEXI-CRAFT:** Acrylic always stays hot. Also manufacturing in Long Island City, Plexi-Craft makes chairs, tables, desks, children's toys, lamps and accessories like paper towel holders. The generation-old company got its start in SoHo of the 1960s when people still made things in the area. Diddy has a roomful of their objects. [Plexi-craft.com](http://Plexi-craft.com).



**Blown glass in Patrik Lonn's Kips Bay dining room.**



## 8 It better be Bespoke

If it is, it means you have absurdly good taste. Bespoke Global (BG) premiered its exclusive Be:Sotted collection at this year's ICFF. The leading platform for globally sourced custom home furnishings and accessories, Bespoke Global curates some of the most attractive furnishings on the face of the Earth. Be:Sotted includes a coffee table with secret compartments made by Farrago Design's Reeta Gyamlani. Modeled after a Japanese puzzle box, the Rahasya coffee table is made from camel bone inlay on wood.

The Be:Sotted collection was curated and



**Rahasya, a luxury of hidden compartments.**

developed by company co-founder Gwen Carlton and is the first in a series of ongoing collaborations with its artists. The table is on display along with other pieces through the summer at BG's interactive retail store at 46 Jobs Lane in Southampton. [bespokeglobal.com](http://bespokeglobal.com).

## 9 Concrete never looked this good

And it's all thanks to Californian designer James de Wulf. Using physics and smart thinking, de Wulf put together a series of concrete objects for indoors or outdoors that stand up or go together based on their weight. That means no screws or joints. Leaning Coffee and Locking Dining Table are both simply two pieces that fit into each other. A Ping-Pong table sits on top of a rectangle of concrete legs. A bar made of three pieces of concrete sits on a dolly would look just as strong inside any home. [Jamesdewulf.com](http://Jamesdewulf.com).

## 10 A way with leather

Sami Hayek has a flair for the dramatic. The sexy photo of a decadent feast on his website home page proves it. So do the objects he creates. Hayek rolled out a leather ottoman seat that shifts from an upright to a total horizontal position. With scrunched-up rolled leather on top of a wooden base, the piece is as comfortable as diverse. It could revolutionize the psychiatric couch or the afternoon nap. And yes, he's Salma Hayek's very talented Los Angeles-based brother.

**Sami Hayek relaxes a moment on a rolling chaise he designed.**

## Swedes are dining

Swedish design seems to be here. For good reason. Swedes, natural materials and Scandavian-style subtly works in the foreground and center at Kips Bay dining room from Patrik Lonn. The Tribeca-based designer, who hails from Stockholm, used blown glass vases and fabrics woven in his homeland for touches. Add a Biedermeier chaise from the mid-1800s, and you have a room combining elegance and historical Swedish beauty.



Photo by Salma. She gets great design ideas.