



## Five designers and studios to look out for at Sight Unseen Offsite 2017



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This year's [Sight Unseen](#) Offsite exhibition kicks off in [New York](#) next week, and our US editor Dan Howarth has selected five highlights from the lineup of exhibitors.

Organised by design magazine [Sight Unseen](#) founders Monica Khemserov and Jill Singer, [Offsite](#) returns for its fourth edition during the annual [NYCxD](#) festival.

The show will encompass a series of smaller exhibitions at the venue, including [work created by five pairs of New York and Norwegian designers](#) and a curated selection of designs by emerging talents.

This year, Khemserov and Singer have also organised design-related activations in 12 retail spaces and restaurants around the city, and created a print magazine documenting the project – titled [Sight Unseen Presents](#).

[Sight Unseen Offsite](#) takes place on the ground floor of 100 Avenue of the Americas, New York, from 19 to 22 May 2017.

Here's our pick from the 25 main exhibitors:



## **Crosby Studios**

Strict geometric shapes feature prominently in the work of Moscow- and New York-based [Crosby Studios](#), which will showcase a series of bronze-coloured furniture and lighting.

Among its display, the studio is debuting a chair made from a metal cube with its front and top missing, filled halfway with a suede-upholstered cushion.

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## Grain

**Grain** – a design studio from Washington – will exhibit a U-shaped stool, a wooden room divider draped with a blue textile, and a set of striped rugs.

The husband and wife team produces its designs in small batch runs “as sustainably as possible” in the Pacific Northwest.

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## Home Studios

New York interior design firm [Home Studios](#), which is behind some of the city's hippest bars and restaurants, will be launching its first furniture and lighting collection.

The range features a resin lamp in millennial pink – the colour that dominated Milan design week last month – which matches a sliding bookend attached to a metal shelf.

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## **Fernando Mastrangelo**

New York designer [Fernando Mastrangelo](#) has had a busy couple of months, presenting a [solo show of colourful furniture](#) at Maison Gerard gallery in Greenwich Village and debuting a new arctic-toned collection at the city's [Collective Design fair](#).

He has also created a series of monochrome pieces for Offsite, made using his signature technique of setting layers of grainy material with resin to form stools and tables.

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## **Calico Wallpaper x The Principals**

Wallpaper company [Calico](#) is teaming up with Brooklyn studio [The Principals](#) on a site-specific installation for the show.

Together they have designed wall coverings patterned with imagery based on aura photography, which aims to capture the colours of a subject's spirit.

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