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RETROMODERN FURNITURE

Ten months ago, Australian Monique Boseley and Irishman Charlie O'Donovan combined their creative and practical skills to come up with a great idea - to lovingly restore one-of-a-kind retro pieces while offering a sustainable alternative to mass-produced products. That's anything from sideboards, cabinets, chest of drawers and tables. Enter design and restoration studio Retromodern. *Rip It Up* gets the skinny on the furniture factory.

How was it conceived?

"It was conceived after a life-long love affair with mid-century furniture and more than 10 years of collecting and restoring our own finds."

What's Retromodern's aim?

"We hand restore retro furniture with an ecological edge. Our aim is to restore/alter unwanted furniture and with the use of modern materials turn them into

something truly fantastic. Our restoration systems are aimed at helping the environment by recycling unwanted furniture."

What's the retro furniture market like?

"The demand for retro is growing and it has become increasingly difficult to find the right piece. Unlike mass-produced furniture, mid century pieces retain a timeless appearance. They are tomorrow's antiques and this is what makes them special. When you buy a mid century item you are buying a rare and collectable piece of furniture."

Why retro?

"Retro furniture stands out because of its progressive designs and style. At its time, it was a revolution in furniture design so much so that it is still popular and fashionable 50 years on! It unquestionably has a large influence on contemporary furniture design!"

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