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BOLIA DESIGN AWARDS 2026: MEET THE WINNERS

Every year since 2007, BOLIA DESIGN AWARDS has celebrated emerging design talent and offered a platform for new perspectives on contemporary design. Bringing together a jury of experienced designers and industry experts, the awards create a space for experimentation, creativity and ideas that challenge conventions while exploring the relationship between aesthetics, functionality, craftsmanship and responsible design.

This year, two prizes celebrate the ideas that stood out: the *Jury Prize* – selected by the prestigious jury – and the *People's Choice Prize* – chosen by BOLIA's community. This year's jury brings together leading voices from across the design field: designer Kasper Salto, responsible design expert Linda Nhu Laursen, industrial designer Thomas E. Alken and Head of Material Lab Annette Kjær, joined by the BOLIA Design Team. Together, they bring different perspectives to the selection process – looking for ideas that combine creativity and originality with functionality, craftsmanship and responsible design.

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The Jury Prize: Pinch by Ida Thorgaard

The BOLIA DESIGN AWARDS 2026 Jury Prize goes to
Pinch by Danish designer Ida Thorgaard – a cohesive family of objects built around one simple yet transformative detail.

Pinch explores how a subtle intervention in form can create entirely different functions. Across the collection, the characteristic "pinch" becomes a handle, pouring spout, spoon rest or space for collecting eggshells. Rather than adding functionality, the designer lets it emerge naturally from the form. The result is a tactile and intuitive product family where a single design language connects objects with different purposes – showing how thoughtful simplicity can create both character and functionality.

"I wanted to create a design that demonstrates how a single, subtle change in form can generate multiple functions. The pinch detail transforms each object in a different way, acting as a handle, a pouring spout, or a place to rest your spoon or collect eggshells. Through this simple gesture, I aimed to create a cohesive product family where functionality emerges naturally from the form itself," explains designer Ida Thorgaard.

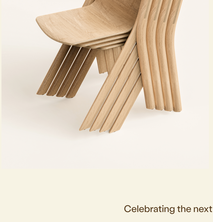




People's Choice Prize: Root Chair by Máté Horváth

Chosen by the community, Root Chair by Máté Horváth takes home the People's Choice Prize. With its understated character, thoughtful details and honest use of materials, it is a design that resonates through its simplicity.

"Some of my earliest memories are of spending summers learning woodworking from my grandfather. Those experiences shaped my belief that objects should be both useful and beautiful, without unnecessary complexity. With Root Chair, I wanted to embrace simplicity through a straightforward structure, where visible joints and carefully considered details create a natural balance between strength, comfort and presence," says designer Máté Horváth.





Celebrating the next generation of design

The BOLIA DESIGN AWARDS were established to give emerging designers the freedom and visibility to explore new ideas and challenge the future of design. This year's finalists demonstrate that innovation does not necessarily mean adding more. Across furniture, lighting and objects for everyday rituals, their ideas explore how considered details, materials and forms can create new functions, experiences and ways of interacting with design.

The winners of the BOLIA DESIGN AWARDS 2026 will be celebrated in Copenhagen, and the winning designs will be showcased on bolia.com.

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Tailoring Your Dreams

BOLIA is a renowned Danish design company inspired by the belief that beautiful spaces can transform the way people live. With a deep passion for craftsmanship, creativity and longevity, BOLIA collaborates with talented designers from around the world to create tactile, lasting designs made to be lived with, loved and passed on for generations. The collection is rooted in New Scandinavian Design and tailored around the dreams and stories of the people who live with them.

Through its stores, digital universe and creative collaborations, BOLIA invites people into a world where home becomes the setting for life's most meaningful moments and where Stories of Love unfold. Today, BOLIA operates more than 100 stores across Europe, Australia and Singapore, alongside online shops in 30 countries and a global network of partners.

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