



FLYING LIGHT

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— **DAVID TRUBRIDGE** makes lamps to hang from ceilings, but shouldn't they be soaring over trees?

New Zealand-based designer David Trubridge took inspiration from the birds of Maori legend for his stunning new collection of lighting fixtures. His *Wings* lamp is made from lozenge-shaped strips

of recyclable plastic and looks a bit like a prehistoric hang-glider. Lace-like *Sola* can be painted in any colour, "changing its emotional temperature". When these works were presented earlier this year



at the Milan Furniture Fair, the display's power usage was a mere 5 kilowatts for a whole day of light. Trubridge acknowledges that his pieces aren't perfectly eco, but his company is making moves in the

right direction, such as working to source organic, plant-based plastics. "I work within the limits of what I have and know," says Trubridge, "leaving a delicate footprint." ○ www.davidtrubridge.com

Left: Wings
Polycarbonate with aluminium rivets. 280 x 80 cm, 12 watt, 12 volt LED strip lights. David Trubridge with Amy Lynch, Peter Tang.

Top: Sola
Hoop pine plywood, acrylic paint (interior), fastened with aluminium rivets. 1.35 m diameter, 7 watt, 12 volt LED spotlight.