



Wanted: A Fishbowl That Doubles As Glass Sculpture



Aruliden blends function and form to create a modern update of the common fishbowl.

If there's one accessory that looks horribly out of a place in a minimalist home, it's a fish tank decked out with plastic accessories. Which is kind of a shame, since a fish is one of the few pets that won't wreck the Mies van der Rohe daybed. The designers at New York-based [Aruliden](#) have reinvented the lowly fishbowl, transforming it into a hand-blown glass sculpture almost worthy of display in the [Farnsworth House](#).

Aruliden's Fishscape, produced by [Gaia & Gino](#), replaces the standard fake habitat with a textured landscape that rises from the tank floor like a glacier. "We often like to look at how we can create new icons for some very familiar items in our everyday lives--objects that have focused too much on their function and not enough on their form," Aruliden's Johan Liden tells *Co.Design*. "The classic fishbowl served its purpose in its form but was not very desirable on its own."

Just as modern toys are geared more toward design-minded parents than their fun-loving children, this bowl probably pleases humans more than their aquatic pets. After all, the point of those faux habitats is to give fish a place to hide, and we doubt that residents will appreciate the quality of hand-blown glass. Also, bear in mind that attaching a filter to aerate the water might destroy the aesthetic.

Still, Aruliden's effort may boost the popularity of fish among the high-design contingent: "We wanted to create a fishbowl that would actually make you want to go out and get a fish," Liden says.

The bowl retails for \$140 and is available from the [Conran Shop](#) and [Unica Home](#).



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