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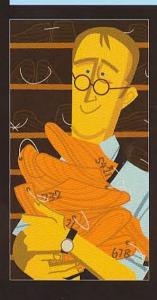




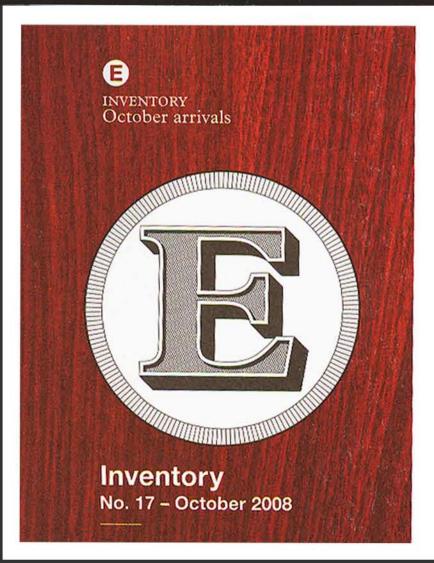
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MC1 and To be Us Wooden toys

The MC1 Architecture Box is a grown-up take on Lego. Each set comes with seven types of wooden brick, elegantly handcrafted from Swiss pear, and a booklet providing pointers on how to erect everything from a Gothic cathedral to a modernist skyscraper. Developed in 1945 by the late Italian designer Bruno Munari, who was also an acclaimed children's author, the toy is guaranteed to bring out one's inner starchitect. The MC1 is available



through Corraini, a publishing house based in Mantua, Italy, that distributes Munari's writings. And for a motor to park up by your child's Byzantine creation, we'd opt for a To be Us "La Sportiva" car designed by Matteo Ragni and handmade in Brianza. — IC tobeus.it corraini.com