



Pop till you drop

Bright colours, beautifully textured fabrics and a modular style that means you can arrange your furniture any which way you like — and it's called Pop (presumably from the soft noise made when they pop gently together into a new formation). From small square ottomans to large rectangular, circular and semi-circular ones, the range, made by the Environmentally Sustainable Objects group, has something 1960s about it — and it's made largely from recycled materials.

The frames are made from sustainable plantation timber, the inwards from recycled fibre padding and the upholstery is either recycled felt or low-impact Europost felt.

The broader ESO range of furniture includes elegant mid-20th-century-style lounges, and tables and storage modules made from recycled timber.

www.esogroup.com.au

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Kicking goals

It's a big audience with a lot to sustain: footy fans. In a bid to sign them up for 100 per cent green energy in their homes, Origin Energy is offering a "Green for Footy" deal: fans get six energy-efficient light globes, a low-flow shower head, a mini green Sherrin, drink bottle and a green bag.

Origin and the AFL have also started Origin AFL Green, a program aimed at making the league the world's first carbon-neutral professional sporting code. Over the next three years, they will neutralise an estimated 120,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions generated by the AFL. Origin will identify the level of greenhouse gases that AFL head office, clubs and venues collectively emit on the grounds, in offices and club rooms, plus emissions from road and air travel. They will then offset them by investing in renewable energy, energy-efficiency programs and tree-planting.

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