

amateur

In the last fifteen years, amateur design in the domestic environment has grown because of a focus on DIY culture. The shift in the authorship of objects can often result in an unprofessional aesthetic and can increase the waste from mistakes and trials whilst the amateur becomes familiar with the design and making process. However, placing authority and responsibility in the hands of the consumer allows for a better understanding of the complex design process, and this might generate a greater attachment with objects that the consumer has created as opposed to objects that s/he might have bought. Also, with the recent developments in making 3D printers available to buy for the home, perhaps what will follow, is a similar scenario as to when paper printers were made affordable for home use, enabling consumers to design and to make. {March 2012}

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