

# Industrial arts

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With their shared love of modern architecture and design, Lisa and Sean Reico, the husband and wife team behind dconstruct jewelry, use their artistic flair with recycled resin and concrete to create simple and striking statement pieces.

Thriving amidst what Lisa calls “a happy chaos” of family, pets and running their successful home-based businesses (Sean is also a software designer), the dynamic duo creates one-of-a-kind, eye-catching rings, necklaces, earrings, bracelets and cuffs that are popular among people seeking hip and unique jewelry anchored by strong design principles.

Their foray into the jewellery design business happened almost by accident when Sean, an industrial design devotee, designed and created a concrete necklace for Lisa. “We got such a positive reaction from friends and family, we knew we were on to something,” Sean says. “That’s design – you’re not always looking for it,” he adds.

The Reicos’ own modernist, architect-designed custom home serves as the perfect extension of their work. “For us, less is more,” Sean says. “We like clean lines. It’s how the concrete pieces started and then evolved from there to incorporate other architectural materials.”

These include materials like “ecoresin,” a 40% recycled resin they use to make rings, necklaces, earrings and cuffs. Many of the ecoresin pieces have organic elements incorporated – such as twigs, leaves, seaweed and silks provided by skilled artisans throughout the world – that soften the urban edge and “provide a story,” Lisa says. “People with metal

allergies especially love the ecoresin cuffs,” she notes. The couple strives to push their boundaries, adapting, changing and looking for other eco-friendly options.

“We take an idea and work backwards into what it needs to be and nothing more,” says Sean. Using prototypes to gauge reactions from friends, the piece is then made into its final form. “Every piece we design is hands-on, from beginning to end.”

The dconstruct jewelry line is carried at stores and galleries throughout Canada including the Winnipeg Art Gallery, Ontario Art Gallery, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Alberta Art Gallery, and the National Gallery of Canada. The couple participates in various juried “one-of-a-kind” shows across Canada that feature handmade items by Canadian artisans and artists.

Architects have sought them out to purchase pieces. The Reicos particularly love the local support and recognition: Lisa’s brother recently spotted someone wearing a dconstruct piece. “It was a big compliment for me to hear that someone was proudly wearing something I made,” Lisa says.

Dconstruct pieces have appeal across all age groups: everyone can find something to suit their style. They’re affordable, too. “It’s important that our pieces are accessible to everyone,” Lisa says.

Judging by comments from fans on the dconstruct Facebook page like “love your jewellery...I wear mine all the time” and “I need more,” the Reicos’ happy chaos is simply...perfect.



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