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Photo: homemade-modern.comMeet Ben Uyeda, a champion of smart, green, and affordable design. With a pedigree in architecture, he's also an award-winning designer, lecturer, blogger, and co-founder of ZeroEnergy Design and FreeGreen.com, a company specializing in green house plans. And when he's not doing all of that, he teaches and inspires folks to build beautifully simple, streamlined furniture at Homemade Modern. It makes you wonder if he's some sort of home improvement superhero! We interviewed him to find out why he does what he does, the tools he can't live without, and how his industrious and ingenious family inspires his work. Plus, click through to see a gallery of some of his most incredible DIYs and one insanely easy video tutorial. The reason I started doing what I do is... The median household income in the US is about \$55k a year. Most people simply can't afford well-designed furnishings made from real materials, and most designers focus either on doing custom work for the wealthy or lower-quality plastic goods designed for mass production. I love the work that my architecture firm, ZeroEnergy Design, does, but learning that the average house designed by an architect costs almost twice as much as the average sales price of an American home made me want to find a new outlet for sharing affordable design ideas. I love the idea of showing that we can all afford nice things; some of us just have always associated the concept of home with sense of domestic industry and production done with and for the people you care most about. Whether it's making dinner or the table on which dinner will be served, I feel home is the place where you make nice things with family. I'd define my design style as... Modern, industrial, and pragmatic with a dash of whimsy. Related—Project Showcase: Ben Uyeda's Modern Furniture My first job was... My brother and I started a cookie business when I was 8 and he was 10. We drew order forms by hand and delivered them door to door. People in the neighborhood could fill out what kind of cookies they wanted and at what time they wanted them delivered. We charged \$1 for a dozen cookies and made a killing! Since then, I think I have had every service industry job at some point in my life and quite a few different construction jobs. My main sources of inspiration are... Wow, this is hard, I feel like there are so many awesome designers and makers out there, but, if I had to narrow it down, I would group them into categories. In my professional life, architects like Samuel Mockbee and David Adjaye inspired me to critically consider not just what I am designing but who I am designing for. Visual inspiration comes from some of the amazing design bloggers and Pinterest curators. In particular Satsuki Shibuya, Jonathan Lo, Victoria Smith, and Myan Duong have provided awesome visual fuel. Daily inspiration comes from my family. In particular seeing their drive towards self-sufficiency and responsible consumption inspires me. My parents are constantly adding to their suburban homestead—four chickens are the most recent additions. My brother Nathan has an amazing ranch in Argentina and is always building cool things. Most recently he devised a way to use heat from a compost pile to create hot water for his guest house. If you are ever interested in an educational vacation full of animals and sustainable homesteading. book a vacation in one of his guest houses. My best DIY success is... The Bucket Stool! I shared this idea about a vear ago, and it has been made by thousands of people on five different continents. Photo: homemade-modern.comMy favorite material to use is... Concrete in general, but Ouikrete Countertop mix in particular. Concrete is such an amazing and cheap material. What other material is less than \$5 for 80 lbs and can be manipulated without power tools? One tool/material I haven't mastered (but want to!) is... A sewing machine! Far too often we segregate tools into disciplines like sewing, woodworking, and blacksmithing while the really cool opportunities are in mixing these pursuits together. My all-time, go-to tool is... My Ryobi 18 volt drill. I use it for everything smoothies, and mixing pancake batter. Related—Project Showcase: Ben Uyeda's Modern Furniture A recent project I've finished is... I built an outdoor fire pit out of Quikrete 5000 as a 40th wedding anniversary gift for my mom and dad. Photo: homemade-modern.comTo me, failure means... That you have a mess to clean up and more work to do. Want to DIY like Ben Uyeda? Make your own DIY plywood "Flip Desk" like this one:To get the latest from Ben's workshop, follow him on Instagram! 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Check it out today!Sarah James Editor, Food & LivingInstructables.com A trend that spans design styles from coastal to industrial, concrete is taking off as a coveted material for homeowners to use for kitchen countertops and beyond. It is relatively easy to self-install, less expensive than its stone counterparts, and makes a stylish statement in any kitchen. We've gathered 12 stunning kitchens with concrete countertops that will inspire you to get mixing ASAP. Scroll on to see some of our favorite examples of this trend. 01 of 12 Design: Mindy Gayer; Photo: Lane Dittoe Durable and chic, concrete makes the perfect countertop option for your outdoor kitchen as seen above. The gray concrete sets the tone for the rest of the space and will withstand the weathering of dining al fresco. 02 of 12 This pint-sized kitchen looks incredible with the accompanying concrete countertops. Rustic open shelving perfectly balances the industrial look of the concrete, and the gray brick backsplash ties the space together. As concrete is a strong statement material, balance the look with softer elements like natural woods and warm metals. 03 of 12 This stunning kitchen is all things sleek and modern. Glass pendant lighting and steel beams add to the industrial look of the space—which is perfectly accentuated by the concrete countertops. 04 of 12 Punctuated by plants, this kitchen feels calming and grounded thanks to the sleek concrete countertop. Sealing concrete will give it a more finished look that can match a more streamlined space. 05 of 12 Proving that concrete isn't only made for industrial spaces, this cute coastal kitchen features a finished concrete countertop that matches beautifully with rattan pendant lights and small seaside accents. 06 of 12 Don't be fooled—though this gorgeous countertop looks like concrete, it is actually a more durable lookalike stone known as Pietra Cordosa sourced from Italy. Owner Jamie Gernert loves the look of concrete but wanted to invest in a more durable material. "With our island being more of a focal point and cooking space, I wanted it to feel like a custom furniture piece rather than cabinetry," Gernert said. "This particular stone is the sandstone family, and since it's a natural material, it already comes with neat imperfections and movement." It's recommended that you seal the stone prior to installation and then use a gentle PH cleanser after every use. 07 of 12 This island is the star and center of attention in this light-filled kitchen. It's naturalistic finish complements the jute runner and touches of green in the space. The best part? The owners of this island completed this project all by themselves and saved so much money," designer Gem Seears said. "I've always loved concrete: the look, the feel, the texture, and the rawness of it. It's strong and durable but looks amazing. Not one other person anywhere has the same benchtop as us, and I love that it's totally unique." 08 of 12 Interior specialist Puk Munch Sjeldan has no regrets about installing the concrete countertop in her minimalist Copenhagen kitchen. "We hired a flooring company to cast the concrete kitchen counter on-site, and it was far from an easy process with them," Sjeldan said. "It took forever to get it right, but in the end, it was all worth it. We love it so much today—and it just gets more and more beautiful with time." 09 of 12 This kitchen plays with many textures and materials like silver, the deep wooden island, marble, and concrete countertops. As concrete is so versatile, it fits in perfectly with the details of this space. 10 of 12 Both the perimeter and island countertops are stained concrete in this modern rustic kitchen. The concrete, light woods, and sharp navy blue island balance the space perfectly and seamlessly blend design styles. 11 of 12 April of Sweet Kentucky Holler loves the way her concrete countertops ourselves using supplies from zcounterform," she said. "We love the durability and rustic feel of the concrete counters and we were able to make them with no concrete experience." 12 of 12 This minimal and industrial kitchen is the perfect home for concrete countertops—and their matching backsplash. "I always wanted a concrete countertop." blogger Suus of Thuis Bij Suus said. "When we bought this house and had to renovate the kitchen, a concrete countertop was our first must-have. We haven't regretted it for a second so far. The concrete becomes more beautiful over the years and it gets its own charms." Of all the materials available to build patios, concrete is the most traditional yet versatile choice. It's smooth, clean, can be cast and formed into curvilinear or geometric shapes, and, with the addition of tints, can become anything other than the classic light gray. Other benefits: it offers permanence, durability, and is fairly inexpensive—even more so if you do it yourself—provided you know what you're doing and are more than capable of accomplishing the task. For beginning do-it-yourselfers, it's not easy work, nor is it a one-person job. If you aren't sure you can tackle a concrete patio project on your own, hire a contractor. You can't go wrong with pouring a simple concrete slab, but if you want to add textures or a pattern, certain techniques can be applied during the curing process. One of the easiest ways to add texture is to apply a stiff broom over the drying concrete, once in each direction, which will give the surface some "tooth" and keep it from becoming slippery when wet.

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