

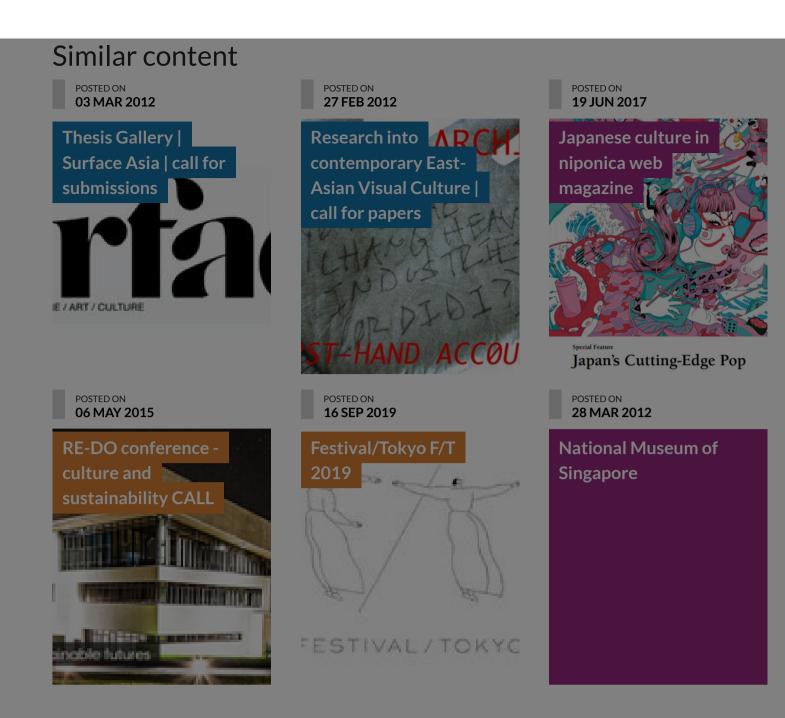
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Surface Asia casts the spotlight on the designers leading the trends and reshaping the creative landscape, and establishes a forum in which regional designers can exchange ideas, gain inspiration and collaborate on projects.

In the current issue, read '<u>Cut Out</u>' about how **Solo Kojima is reviving interest in the long-neglected Asian art of paper-cutting.** Founded in 2005 by Shari Solo and Nahoko Kojima, <u>Solo Kojima</u> is an art and design consultancy firm that plies the art of paper-cutting and graphic design under one roof. The London-based company has made films, art installations, conducted paper-cutting workshops, initialized brand activations and been dedicated to raising awareness of the long-neglected art of paper-cutting in Europe. Self-taught Japanese artist Nahoko Kojima, who started dabbling with papercutting when she was just five years old, is one of five UK-based artists selected for the prestigious Jerwood Makers Open in 2013 (exhibition of works currently open till 25 August).

Another article in Surface Asia: '<u>Not Just For Show'</u> looks at how **China's ongoing museum boom gives** rise to striking cultural buildings designed with both art and nature in mind.



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