

# decor-um



in class . . . Stuart McLoughlin (left) and Dave Barrow

kitchen conventions into the garbage disposal. The built-in units matched with a movable island on casters are made out of a combination of steel frames and wood that Dave initially developed in his own home. Stuart's kidney-shaped cut-outs carved into doors not only "saved the client money by doing away with conventional door knobs", they are also infinitely more stylish than



Good eggs . . . Greg and Roché Dry with the locker

normal handles could ever have been.

**TABLEWARE: ASTRID DAHL**

The latest ceramic sculpture from this Nottingham Road artist is inspired by Karl Blossfeldt's photography. The new piece is all concentric whorls that radiate out from a central point. She has set the essence of a plant in the solid permanence of clay. At the same time she successfully balances the technical aspects of the ceramic medium, such as weight and fragility, with her own aesthetic concerns.

Finalists from elsewhere in the country are: Gregor Jenkin (Emerging Designer of the Year), Haldane Martin (Furniture), Maira Koutsoudakis (wall coverings), Johnno du Plessis (Floor Coverings), Lisa Firer (Lighting), Sue Kingma, Nicky Stevens and Claudette Nicholls (Bedding and Soft Furnishings) Gary Searle and Cathy O'Clery (Fabric)



She gave it a whorl . . . Astrid Dahl with her winning tableware

will be announced at the Furniture Fair in April 2005. This is what *Elle Decoration* had to say about our KZN finalists:

**DESIGNERS OF THE YEAR: GREG AND ROCHÉ DRY of EGG AND ROCHÉ**

Greg and Roché are big thinkers and designers with a bullish confidence and a steely determination. In addition to their burgeoning retail consultancy, Egg and Roché, Greg and Roché's desire to do something different became an after-hours passion project for which they self-funded production. The Locker, a powder-coated steel locker with handles inspired by the succulents of southern Africa, and Snow, a bone china and aluminium tableware make them deserving winners.

**DESIGNERS: DAVE BARROW AND STUART M'CLOUGHLIN**

By combining architectural influences with an interior domestic sensibility, they've come up with creative solutions and design touches that toss