



CATEGORY: TABLEWARE
WINNER: **ASTRID DAHL**
DESIGN: LEAF CUSHION CERAMIC SCULPTURE

Why we think she's a winner Astrid gets our vote for her breathtaking sculptural interpretations of floral designs and shapes. Working largely in natural colour and unglazed clay, her organic shapes take inspiration from nature as they achieve a life-like rendition that embodies the fragility of the subject. The seed was sown when she was given a book on floral photography – by 19th-century photographer Karl Blossfeldt – by Neville Trickett when he commissioned a body of work from her for his St Verde store and Liberty concession in London.

What's next? She plans to stay with the floral theme for the time being and see how far she can take it. Further commissions for St Verde and Liberty are in the pipeline too. As soon as she has more time – and money – she'll turn her attention to a series of sculptures for an exhibition.

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