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Discovering home-decor ideas from the interiors of local businesses.



BLOCKBUSTER HIT On a recent media tour of Google's Chicago office, a temporary wall made from interlocking pieces of cardboard (pictured above) alerted our crafty radar to inquire further. We later learned the locally made product, **Bloxes**, are essentially Legos for adults and provide Google engineers a break from sorting through Web-design bugs. The 9½- square-inch boxes take about four to six minutes to assemble and form anything from walls for a cave to a bed to a bench (\$60 for a case of 20 at). Our one complaint—besides the lack of color



options (white or brown); we'd spice them up with a coat of paint—is the price; to create a 5½-by-16-foot room divider, you'd need to spend \$400. So, a little, uh, Googling led us to a similar, far cheaper option: **Mio Culture's Nomad Architectural System** (pictured right, \$56 at allmodern.com). Made from recycled craft paper and available in nine colors, including forest green and bright orange, one 24-pack of 14-by-21-inch panels makes a 4½-by-4½-foot wall. Set up the wall in your home to break up a space without breaking the bank.

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