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Design is not just about aesthetics. It's about solving problems, improving lives, and changing the world.

This article takes an inspiring look at how design is making a difference in different parts of the world, from sustainable architecture to innovative medical devices.

From the Slums to Sustainable Housing

In the slums of Mumbai, India, architect Rahul Mehrotra has designed a series of award-winning affordable housing units that are not only beautiful, but also sustainable.

Mehrotra's designs use local materials and traditional construction techniques to create homes that are energy-efficient, resilient, and

affordable.

The designs have been so successful that they have been replicated in other cities around the world, proving that design can be a powerful tool for social good.

Medical Design for All

In Kenya, industrial designer Emily Pilloton has developed a line of low-cost medical devices that are specifically designed for the needs of people in developing countries.

Pilloton's designs are simple, affordable, and easy to use. They include a neonatal incubator that can be powered by a car battery, a portable X-ray

machine, and a device that can diagnose malaria in minutes.

Pilloton's work is a reminder that design can save lives and improve health outcomes, even in the most challenging environments.

Design for Disaster Relief

In the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, architect Shigeru Ban designed a series of temporary shelters that were both durable and affordable.

Ban's shelters used recycled materials and were designed to be easily assembled by non-professionals.

Ban's work is a reminder that design can play a vital role in disaster relief, providing shelter, safety, and comfort to those who have lost everything.

Design for the Future

Design is not just about solving problems in the present. It's also about creating a better future.

One example of this is the work of architect Carlo Ratti, who has designed a series of innovative projects that explore the future of cities.

Ratti's projects include a network of self-driving cars that could reduce traffic congestion, a system of wearable devices that could monitor our health, and a new type of urban fabric that could make cities more sustainable and resilient.

Ratti's work is a reminder that design can help us to imagine and create a better future.

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These are just a few examples of the many ways that design is changing the world.

Design is a powerful tool that can be used to solve problems, improve lives, and create a better future.

As we face the challenges of the 21st century, we will need more designers who are willing to use their creativity and ingenuity to make the world a better place.

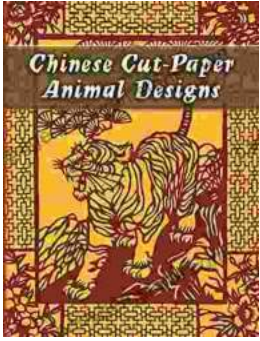### Design Transitions: Inspiring Stories. Global Viewpoints. How Design is Changing. by Joyce Yee

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