Transplanted to Seattle, Graypants' founders Seth and Jon initially sought to feed their creative appetites through product design and art exhibits. In 2007, their ambition grew and "Graypants" was scrawled onto a piece of paper. The new company's flagship line of pendant lights made entirely of repurposed cardboard was introduced and the signature Graypants "Scraplight" was born.

Now in 2016, the Scraplight series continue to embody the Graypants principles - responsible design, responsible materials, responsible production. In 2012, the Amsterdam studio was founded and remains the hub for local European production and distribution to over forty countries. Graypants Amsterdam partners with social works programs to provide job opportunities in craft based work for employees with disabilities. Graypants Seattle continues to provide local production for North America and houses our bustling custom and prototyping shop.

Graypants continues to expand the custom portfolio from architectural installations to public artworks, while maintaining the many product lines sold worldwide. The range of work is comprehensive, covering both residential and commercial lighting, furniture, packaging designs, and architecture. In November of 2013, Graypants was awarded AIA Seattle’s Award of Honor for the debut architecture project, Garage.
Handcrafted from recycled cardboard, Graypants' flagship Scraplight series provides warm, intimate, and functional lighting for any type of space. Tough yet elegant, each Scraplight is precision-cut with a laser and hand-assembled using nontoxic adhesive. All Scraplights are treated with a nontoxic fire retardant.

SCRAPLIGHTS® classic
the original reimagining of cardboard boxes

classic series
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Moon Scraplights shown.
tilt lamps

Each Tilt Lamp features a hand-blackened sturdy steel frame, porcelain lamp holder, textile wrapped cord, bottom felt pad, and durable rocker switch. Easily swappable and secured into place using two heavy duty knurled thumbscrews, our signature recycled cardboard shades make these the perfect warm accent for that lonely table, dark corner, or blank space.
The Scraplight frame series takes the beauty, functionality, and versatility of the Scraplight classic series to the next level.

Perfect for commercial and residential settings, Scraplight frame series pendants feature durable, dark-steel frames and recycled cardboard shades in a variety of larger shapes and sizes. With multi-socket lamping assemblies and sandblasted tempered glass diffusers, the Scraplight frame series provides impact and ample light.
SCRAPLIGHTS® white

a refreshing take on an original idea
SCRAPLIGHTS® white

a fresh spin on the classic series

The Scraplight white series pushed the collaboration between the Graypants Seattle and Amsterdam studios to new levels. Using custom-made pure white corrugated cardboard precision cut on advanced machinery, Graypants finally achieved the bright, modern glow always imagined. The crisp translucency perfectly contrasts the rustic warmth of the natural cardboard Scraplights, making them a chic alternative for a variety of spaces.

Scraplight white pendants are thoughtfully and carefully handmade in Holland where Graypants has partnered with a social works program to provide craft-based careers to the local community. Graypants takes pride in using custom FSC-certified paper, produced from forests that replant more trees than they harvest.

The Scraplight white series will be available in all of the original Scraplights shapes, including all of the classic series and larger frame series Scraplights.
Moon Scraplight shown.

Scraplight Tilt table lamp shown.
The Scraplight frame series takes the beauty, function, and versatility of our Scraplight classic series to the next level. Perfect for commercial and residential settings, frame series pendants feature durable matte gray powder-coated steel frames and handmade white cardboard shades. With multi-socket lamping assemblies and sandblasted tempered glass diffusers, the Scraplight frame series provides ample up and down-lighting that complements any space.
Selwyn pendant Kerflights shown.
Palmer table lamp Kerflight shown.
Ripley pendant Kerflights shown.
Inspired by tried and true handcrafting techniques, the kerflights is precision built to accommodate any situation. With swappable and reversible shade panels available in three colors – and five distinct personalities – Graypants’ kerflights will literally make a great fit.

Each Kerflight shade panel is reversible, with one natural cardboard side, and one painted side. Choose Black, Lava, or White, and flip the panels to suit your mood.

**Kerflights™**

*flexible, in more ways than one*
Selwyn pendant Kerflight shown.

Rita wall sconce Kerflight shown.
Avian spectacle

More than just light, this new collection is a led system inspired by a breathtaking natural phenomenon: murmurations. A spectacle translated into dynamic installations, captivating three-dimensional forms within a space. Every light in the flock is harmoniously connected, creating a different composition from every viewpoint. By playing with light this way, we create a powerful collection that's poised to tip, always on the verge of instant transformation.

Graypants’ murmuration collection is designed to complement any type of project. It is available as project-specific custom installations of any size, and as a selection of standard canopy arrangements large and small.
The MOA Pendant - Standardized or Custom

MOA pendants are available as standard pendants, or as custom Murmuration installations. MOA pendants feature individual or linear arrays of our smallest cardboard shade, suspended from a blackened steel pipe.

For custom Murmuration arrangements, contact our Seattle studio.

Custom installation

Contact us to discuss custom Murmurations.

We love taking on custom projects, whether it’s a new twist on an existing product or something entirely unique. We can develop your rough concepts into beautifully realized designs, and are experienced working with architects, contractors and fabricators.

Have an idea? Let us know! Our Seattle studio doubles as both our custom and prototyping shop.
efficiently luminous fiber optic installations

The Loci series harnesses the efficient technology of fiber optics, allowing for expansive custom installations that glow like a galaxy of stars. Loci, which in Latin means ‘centralized sources of power,’ refers to the series’ innovative method of achieving hundreds or thousands of angular points of light in an installation. Rather than using many individual bulbs, which would gobble energy and require frequent maintenance, Loci installations are powered by only a small handful of ultra-bright, energy-efficient LEDs. Fiber optic cables flawlessly carry the light from the hidden light sources, dispersing it to the ends of the fibers. Frosted acrylic catches and diffuse the light, imparting a candlelit glow.

Each Loci installation is custom and site specific. Contact our Seattle studio for pricing information, and to discuss a Loci installation for your space.

custom installation

Contact Graypants Seattle for Loci installations.
**PROP ceiling system**

*custom installation*
Contact Graypants Seattle for Prop Panel installations.

**a flexible solution**

The Prop Panel is a perforated steel unit, which can be combined in numerous combinations to create a wide variety of ceiling systems. The strength of the Prop Panels lies in their ability to be endlessly combined into a Prop Ceiling System, or smaller clouds of Prop panels.

Simply mount any strut or grid system to the ceiling of a space, spaced on a two-foot grid. The mounting points of the Prop panels work with this simple spacing, allowing for convenient design and installation.

Contact Graypants Seattle for the Prop Ceiling System lookbook.

**custom installation**
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**CLOUD**

The Cloud is a custom lighting installation created for the Airbnb headquarters in San Francisco.

A sculpted metal frame is coated with twenty-five thousand ping pong balls, each attached by hand. It is lit from within, serving as a whimsical conversation piece hovering in the open atrium.

Custom cloud fixtures are available through Graypants Seattle.
Inspired by man’s quests deep into our galaxy, Graypants’ Steplight series are hanging pendant lamps carefully machined from a sheet of solid aluminum. Easily assembled without tools, adhesives, or fasteners required, the inherent beauty of each lies in its high-precision interlocking assembly. Small notches in the aluminum rings allow for a simple twist-and-lock assembly, and throw subtle patterns of light.

**Steplights™**

Interlocking precision

Limited production run

Steplights are available directly through Graypants.
The first countertop object from Graypants, the Ice Press is designed to uniquely enhance your cocktail experience. Utilizing the thermal properties of aluminum, it creates beautiful spheres of ice that seem to never melt. This product is the key to crafting a perfectly chilled drink, leaving the notes and characteristics of your spirits undiluted. The Ice Press is graceful in function and appearance, adding a delightful twist to the way your cocktail is prepared and enjoyed.

The Ice Press is made entirely in Seattle, Washington. It is machined from solid aluminum, with a food-safe black anodized finish, and detailed with stainless steel.

Each kit includes the aluminum Ice Press, stainless steel drip tray, tongs, and ice molds, with a cotton bar towel.

**ICE PRESS kit**

Ice Press kits are available directly through Graypants.
Architectural design is engrained in our DNA. The studio was founded by practicing architects, after all. Since the beginning, this has encouraged a collaborative approach and has strongly influenced the process behind all of our designs.

We actively develop conceptual ideas, collaborate on special aspects of projects, and work intimately with clients to create unique buildings.

For questions regarding architecture projects, contact Graypants Seattle.
memory, mystery, poetry + light

Garage is Graypants’ award-winning debut architecture project*. Set as a residential cabin, the building is a careful balance of preserving memory of the existing structure and repurposing materials extracted from it.

New and old elements have been merged to celebrate the beauty of everyday interactions, such as entering through the solid Corian sliding speakeasy cabinet, illuminating the stretched canvas walls with a mobile phone, revealing hidden beds beneath wooden floor panels that fold into seating, and lighting the century-old wood burning stove.

Garage aims to make design mysterious. Making mundane tasks of our lives into opportunities that create beauty through joyful interaction. The new becoming a theatre to watch the old gradually fade away. This space wasn’t about ordinary, it was about touching on boundaries of what is ordinary.

* Please note that Garage was a custom architecture project, and is not available as a prefab house.

architecture
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The materials you use aren’t randomly chosen. What is the philosophy behind them?

We look at things from new perspectives and always ask: why not? When we had access to all these old cardboard boxes, we wanted to give them new life and let them tell a new story. A good blend of curiosity, a responsible mindset, craft and technology is our recipe for creating an authentic and carefully chosen material palette.

Looking ahead, what is your dream for Graypants in the future?

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We can find you in Seattle and Amsterdam. Your conceptual design studio is based in Seattle, how does the Amsterdam studio come into play?

We are nature enthusiasts and love to get out and take a hike to unplug and recharge our creative juices. Seattle with its lush green scenery and industrial corners definitely influences us. We look at hidden beauty in our surroundings. Just taking a wrong turn down an alley can lead to amazing discoveries if you are willing to see it. We look at things with a sense of wonder and playfulness.

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