Melbourne’s cycling renaissance has led to a cottage industry of stylish bikes and bits to go with them. The inaugural Bikefest (November 24-28) kicks off with a fantastic program of events celebrating bike design and the diversity of our bike-riding community (see melbournebikefest.com.au). Cycling in Melbourne has never been more stylish.

1. **The iconic two-wheeled machine** has long been celebrated in print advertising. This French vintage poster by Roger Varenne ($400) features the Cady motorised bike - no pedalling required! It’s from Galerie Montmartre in Fitzroy. Phone 9486 8686 and see galmont.com.au

2. **Award-winning Australian designer** Trent Jansen launched his simple but genius Cycle Sign bike reflectors this year. Made by hand from salvaged reflective road signs, they’re the perfect example of succinct, sustainable and effortlessly cool design. These $14.90 straps are available from Safari Living (phone 9510 4500) and cyclestyle.com.au. See trentjansen.com

3. **The Humble Vintage** is a vintage-bike-hire service run by bike lover Matt Hurst. When you hire a bike, in addition to a helmet, lock and light - and bike basket on girls’ bikes – you receive a copy of Melbourne for Visitors and Casual Cyclists, a seasonal cycling guide edited by Hurst that is gathering a cult following. Copies from select bookstores cost just $3 (spring issue out now). See thehumblevintage.com

4. **Frustrated by a lack of stylish accessories** for the ladylike cyclist, Melbourne lawyer Joyce Watts recently launched CycleStyle, an online bike boutique for style-savvy cyclists. She sources the very best cycle-chic clothing and accessories from Europe, the United Kingdom and the States – like these pannier bags ($95) by Kitsch Kitchen. See cyclestyle.com.au

5. **Busyman** is an apt moniker for RMIT senior lecturer Mick Peel, who creates customised bikes, stunning leather saddle covers like this one ($160) and other bespoke bike bits from his workshop/backyard in Carlton. Mick’s incredible handiwork can be seen on his popular blog, busyrmanbicycles.blogspot.com

6. **Melbourne bike enthusiast Alan Caras** spent a year perfecting his fabulous range of locally made, Dutch-style Papillionaire bicycles. You can now get your hands on one of his gorgeous European-style bikes for about $500. Customise and purchase your Papillionaire bike online; see papillionaire.com.au