

# SIDE GALLERY

UMBERTO RIVA



## Table Lamp model "Medusa"

Manufactured by VeArt  
Italy, 1970s  
Moulded transparent glass and  
suspended lamp holder

### Measurements

40 x 40 x 38h cm  
15,7x 15,7x 14,9 h in

### Literature

Domus, May 1972 illustrates this lamp  
in a VeArt advertisement.

## Biography

Umberto Riva (b. 1928, Milan - d. 2019) was a prominent architect whose influence spanned the realms of architecture and interior design. Guided by the esteemed architect Carlo Scarpa during his studies, Riva developed a unique and meticulous approach to design.

His architectural and interior design projects were characterized by an unwavering commitment to excellence. Every design, marked by clean and distinctive forms, reflected Riva's meticulous attention to detail and a dedication to seamlessly blending functionality and aesthetics.

Riva's career showcased remarkable versatility, with a notable ability to transition between architectural scales. He adeptly unified the broader urban vision with the intricate details of each designed product, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of Italian design.

Umberto Riva's legacy extends beyond physical structures; it encompasses a profound impact on the design field. His ability to harmonize urban landscapes with individual design elements demonstrated a nuanced understanding of the built environment.

Umberto Riva passed away on March 2, 2019, leaving behind a rich legacy that continues to inspire architects and designers. His contributions have forever altered the landscape of architecture and interior design, marking him as a luminary in Italian design history.