

# HI·MACS

## HIMACS adds a fresh pop of colour to Leeds bookshop

HIMACS in Alpine White and Ruby were used to create a new tiered shelf with a hidden drawer for storage and handy hooks for display



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When it comes to designing the interior of a retail store, it's all about making customers feel welcome and right at home. For Leeds-based independent bookshop [Colours May Vary](#), who stocks a wonderful range of graphic art and design, typography, illustration, product design, prints, cards, gift, wrap, stationery and homeware, their USP is to source locally and internationally from a mix of established and up-and-coming producers. Situated on the upper balcony of Leeds Corn Exchange, the shop often collaborates with furniture maker [Plaey](#), designer and manufacturer of modern and modular furniture that combines form, function and a sense of fun.

“As their name suggests, Colours May Vary stocks a lot of colourful design items and books,” explains [Plaey](#) designer Matt Kelly. “So our approach for their furniture has always been clean lines in plywood or white, to let their products pop!”

“We recently used [HIMACS](#) in [Alpine White](#) for the countertop, as it's the perfect material for both durability and quality of touch. For this latest tiered display shelving, we wanted to continue with these materials and decided to use HIMACS for the upstands, too. We had some [Ruby](#) HIMACS in the workshop from another job and noticed that the pink colour was a very close match to Colours May Vary's branding by [Studio.Build](#). So we introduced the Ruby HIMACS for the bottom upstand and drawer fronts, as well as for the cog-shaped hooks for the counter-end pegboard.”

The resulting unit has a really fresh aesthetic that sits perfectly in this design-focused environment.

As one of the UK's largest independent distributors of panels and decorative surfaces, [James Latham, HIMACS distributor in the UK & Ireland](#), brings the perfect finish to each and every project. With a wealth of experience in construction and design for art galleries, museums, shops and showrooms, this collaborative project brings together all the leading names in design.

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With its innate flexibility and special characteristics, HIMACS is the perfect choice for retail interiors. HIMACS is hardwearing, durable and fire resistant as well as exceptionally hygienic and resistant to wear and tear, scratches, stains and UV light. Its non-porous surface makes it extremely quick and easy to clean while its thermoformable properties also allow it to be moulded into any shape and size. The absence of visible seams also ensures a seamless finish that prevents dirt, bacteria and viruses building up on the surface. This makes HIMACS a Solid Surface material with unbeatable hygienic and clean air properties, guaranteed by certifications that comply with **LGA, NSF international standard and Greenguard.**

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT DESIGN

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**Project name:** [Plaey](#) – [Colours May Vary](#) - furniture

**Location:** Leeds, England, UK

**Design & Fabrication:** [Plaey](#)

**HIMACS Supplier:** [James Latham](#)

**Material:** HIMACS in [Alpine White S028](#) and [Ruby S304](#) [www.lxhausys.com/eu](http://www.lxhausys.com/eu)

**HIMACS elements:** Shelving upstands and hooks

**Photos:** Plaey

## HIMACS

### The shape of your ideas

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HIMACS is a solid surface material that can be moulded into any shape. It is widely used for architectural and interior applications, such as sculptural and high-performance wall cladding or kitchen, bathroom and furniture surfaces, in commercial, residential and public space projects. It is composed of minerals, acrylic and natural pigments that come together to provide a smooth, non-porous and visually seamless surface which meets the highest standards for quality, aesthetics, fabrication, functionality and hygiene – offering many advantages over conventional materials.

HIMACS provides limitless possibilities for surfacing solutions and inspires creative minds from all over the world. **Zaha Hadid, Jean Nouvel, Rafael Moneo, Karim Rashid, Marcel Wanders** and **David Chipperfield**, among others, have completed fabulous projects using HIMACS.

At the forefront of innovation as always, LX Hausys recently introduced two new products. First, **HIMACS Ultra-Thermoforming**, an innovative formula that pushes the boundaries of solid surface shaping to a whole new level, with 30% more thermoplastic capabilities - the biggest innovation in the history of Solid Surface since its inception in 1967. And now, **HIMACS Intense Ultra** combines the characteristics from two disparate worlds: **Intense Colour Technology** and **Ultra-Thermoforming**.

HIMACS uses a simple heating process to give three-dimensional thermoplastic forming capabilities, allows visually seamless designs, offers a virtually limitless range of colours and – for some shades – exhibits a special translucency when exposed to light. Although HIMACS is almost as robust as stone, it can be worked in a similar way as wood: it can be sawn, routed, drilled or sanded.

HIMACS is made using a next-generation technology, the **thermal cure**. The temperature reached during the manufacturing process sets HIMACS apart from other solid surfaces and creates a denser surface that is even sturdier, more homogeneous and more durable, and with better resistance and superior thermoforming results.

HIMACS does not absorb humidity, is highly resistant to stains and is easy to clean, maintain and repair.

Countless internationally recognised certificates attest to the quality of HIMACS in terms of ecological commitment, hygiene and fire resistance – being the first Solid Surface in the market to receive the official **European Technical Approval (ETA) for façades** – for the Alpine White S728 colour.

HIMACS offers a 15-year warranty for products fabricated by a Quality Club Member.

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