

# Iconic Corten Steel Architecture

Corten Steel is one of our most popular materials for garden planters and accessories, so we have put together this helpful infographic to give more information about and to celebrate this fantastic material. Used around the world in a huge variety of stunning architecture, buildings and structures we have chosen a few of the best to showcase Corten Steel and discussed them below.

## Abetxuko Bridge

31.4 m wide

92 m long

The Abetxuko Bridge spans the Zadorra River in Northern Spain and was built by the Vitoria council for the inhabitants of the Abetxuko area to help them reach the city centre safely. The designers created an incredible bridge taking style inspiration from several Basque artists including Chillida and Oteiza. The beauty of this Corten Steel Bridge is in part due to the fact that Corten Steel develops in colour over time, giving a gorgeous deep-orange patina which only enhances the architecture.



**Location:** Vitoria-Gasteiz, Álava, Basque Country, Spain

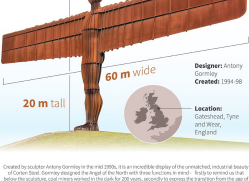
**PEDELTA**  
**Designer:** Pedelta Structural Engineers  
**Created:** 2006

## Angel of the North

The Angel of the North is one of the most renowned sculptures in the UK and is perhaps the most celebrated art installation of the North East.

Viewed by **90,000** people a day  
Around **33 million** a year

It is one of the most seen pieces of art in the world.



60 m wide

20 m tall

**Designer:** Antony Gormley  
**Created:** 1994-98



**Location:** Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, England

Created by sculptor Antony Gormley in the mid 1990s, it is an incredible display of the unmatched, industrial beauty of Corten Steel. Gormley designed the Angel of the North with three functions in mind - firstly to remind us that below the sculpture, coal miners worked in the dark for 300 years, secondly to express the transition from the age of industry to information and finally, to be a focus for our hopes and fears.

## Fulcrum Sculpture

The tall and elegant Fulcrum Sculpture in London, England invites the viewer to run their hand across the rusted Corten Steel surface adding another sensory aspect to this stylish installation.

Created by American artist Richard Serra, this stunning piece consists of five trapezoidal plates propped against one another to form a self-supporting system hence the statue's namesake.



**Location:** Near Liverpool Street Station, London

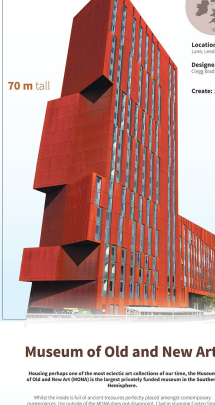
**Designer:** Richard Serra  
**Created:** 1987

17 m tall

## Leeds Broadcasting Tower

It is easy to see why in 2011 Broadcasting Tower was voted the 'Best Tall Building in the World' by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

The asymmetric, angular design which is entirely clad in Corten Steel gives an incredibly striking appearance making Broadcasting Tower a landmark in its own right. Making up part of Leeds Beckett University, housing the Faculty of Arts, Environment and Technology this modern, geometric building provides fantastic views of the city while making up a beautiful part of itself.



**Location:** Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, England

**Designer:** Fellen Clegg, Bradley Studios

**Created:** 2008-2009

70 m tall

## Museum of Old and New Art

Housing perhaps one of the most eclectic art collections of our time, the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) is the largest privately funded museum in the Southern Hemisphere.

While the inside is full of ancient treasures perfectly placed amongst contemporary masterpieces, the outside of the MONA does not disappoint. Clad in stunning Corten Steel panels with matching slats running between different levels of the building this world famous museum is beautiful both inside and out.



Size: 9,500 m<sup>2</sup>



**Location:** Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

**Designer:** Fender Kermode Architects

**Created:** 2008-2011

## U.S. Steel Tower

Standing an impressive 94 stories high making it the tallest building in Pittsburgh, the U.S. Steel Tower is an incredible sight as it is covered in Corten Steel.

The angular design gives it a modern look despite being designed in the late 80s. Corten Steel was originally designed in the USA and so the U.S. Steel Tower is the perfect celebration of the gorgeous rust-coloured material. Offering stunning views over the Monongahela and Allegheny River, this cyber skyscraper is a sought after place to live or work.



256 m tall



**Location:** 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Designer:** Harmon & Abramowitz

**Created:** 2007-2011

