Treviso, Italy – Patch of Sky is a series of ambient lamps that enable people to share the colour of the sky above them with loved ones far away.

The prototype lamps were created by Benetton Group communication research centre Fabrica. The three lamps use Arduino technology and Berg Cloud, a cloud service for the Internet of Things, to connect to the web.

Users connect their Facebook page to this technology, which then allows the Arduino computer to gather local information to determine the weather in that location. The lamp then changes colours based on the colour of the sky, for instance turning a pulsating blue for rain and a hazy red signifying hot.

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