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The Child's Chair – Intelligent Furniture for the Big and Small

Imagine you could have a piece of furniture that grows with you from childhood to adulthood and never becomes obsolete. Kristian Vedel's revolutionary mid-century design makes that possible. Plus, it offers many other perks as its design allows for endless multifunctionality ensuring there will always be a use for the Child's Chair whether you are 12 months or 12 years.



The Danish architect Kristian Vedel was never one to settle for the ordinary. As an influential member of the Scandinavian Design movement of the 50s, he sought to push boundaries of design and practicality, creating a practical symbiosis of both. For that reason he would not settle for miniature versions of adult furniture, completely ignorant of children's needs, and set out to find an all encompassing solution.

One Chair to Rule Them All

Not willing to compromise on any aspect, Vedel incorporated both ergonomics and pragmatics into his design, making sure the Chair is as functional as it is good looking, but is also wallet-friendly in the long term. It is an item that grows with the child, so you won't need a house a collection of countless high chairs, mini chairs and midi chairs. Simply, this one chair has it all.

The Child's Chair is an object that the little ones can develop a relationship to, as it is by all means not a miniature version of adult furniture that will need to be chucked away as soon as it is outgrown in a couple of years. Instead, chair can faithfully continue its service as a bedside table, high chair, storage unit, magazine rack, play table, display piece or a rocker.

We are sure that your child can come up with many more uses for the Child's Chair. This is because Vedel's design focuses on appealing to the small ones' imagination, and we all know they are incredibly inventive when it comes to fun, play and creativity. Kristian Vedel explained in 1999: *"My purpose was to create a combination of a children's chair and a tumblestool, which would appeal to the child's own fantasy and their varying psychological and physical needs."*

Figure, Configure, reconfigure

The secret of its flexible reconfigurability lies in the two different removable panels, one red and one blue. These panels can be fitted into any slots on the sides of the U shaped chair equally quickly and easily by an adult or a child. The panels are made safe because they are friction fit, enabling sturdiness to the point a rather hefty adult can sit on it without breaking it. (see vintage picture)



There are five slots on each side, providing a multitude of possibilities for whatever use you may have in mind. Both panels can also be fitted frontward and backward, depending on the final desired effect.

No Ordinary Chair

As a point of comparison, imagine flipping over an ordinary chair for children, one that is a miniature version of adult furniture. What does one get when it is turned around? An unusable, unsuitable and unsafe heap of material sticking out in all directions.

ARCHITECTMADE provides a safe and fun alternative made out of strong plywood, which can be utilised regardless of which way it is facing.

The functionality is made possible by the minimal detail of the Child's Chair and Vedel's eye for abstraction of geometry, as it has no visible top, middle or bottom.

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