

KK41180 - KK41181 - Design: Kaare Klint



DESCRIPTION

The KK41181 sofa was designed by Kaare Klint for the Danish Prime Minister Thorvald Stauning in 1930. Seating three people, the well-proportioned sofa is divided into sections, each supported by their set of crossbars. While elegant in itself, this construction is also practical by offering more legroom and making it easier to rise from the sofa.

When the design was presented at the Copenhagen Cabinetmakers' Guild Exhibition in 1937, the sofa was applauded for its "mature expression", and even today it exemplifies the ideal balance of graceful elegance and thoroughly executed functionalism.

Originally conceived for three people, the KK41181 sofa has since been supplemented with a two-seater version known as the KK41180 sofa.

THE DESIGNER

Kaare Klint (1888-1954), the man behind classics such as **the Safari Chair** (<http://www.youtube.com/embed/NSMc94Kxefl?rel=0>) and the Faaborg Chair, is considered the father of Danish furniture design. For Kaare Klint, the son of architect Peder Vilhelm Jensen-Klint, exposure to architecture was a natural part of his early development. However, it was primarily as a furniture designer that Kaare Klint made his mark on Danish architecture.

Kaare Klint was born in 1888 in Frederiksberg and designed his first furniture in 1914, for the Faaborg Museum. From the beginning, Klint's furniture was characterized by harmony between his choice of form and materials, often inspired by earlier styles or other cultures.

Klint helped found the Royal Academy of Fine Arts Furniture School in 1923, and was appointed professor there in 1924. In this role, he inspired and taught a number of prominent Danish furniture designers, who went on to pave the way for the golden age of Danish design, from 1945 to 1975.

Kaare Klint also founded the Furniture and Spatial Design Department at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, where he employed a teaching method considered radical in his day. He asked students to construct furniture items from the inside out, based on thorough pre-analysis. The outward style was less significant; instead, the focus was on function analysis, choice of materials, and material processing.

Klint's influence led to a comprehensive renewal of Danish furniture design. He demanded clear and logical structures, with nothing superficial - only honest, pure lines, the best materials, and genuine craftsmanship.

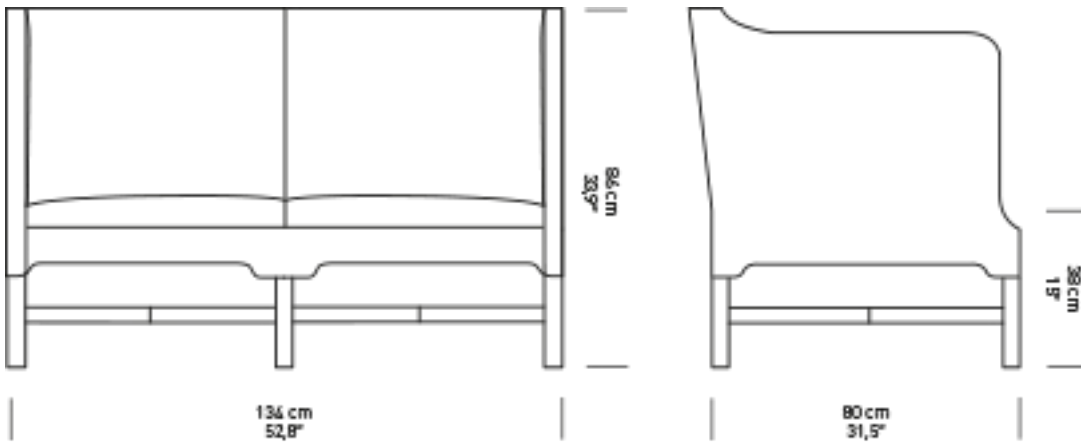
Experience Kaare Klint's classic - The 1933 Safari Chair

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Watch the making of the Safari Chair

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/NSMc94Kxefl?rel=0>

VARIANTS CHOICES AND DIMENSIONS



MATERIAL MATRIX

	Lacquer	Oil	White oil	Black paint
Oak	●	●	●	●
Walnut	●	●		

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

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