

MK10040 | Model 51 Chair - Design: Mogens Koch



DESCRIPTION

Mogens Koch developed a striking construction for the pair of designs, loosely placing the upholstered section on a visible, solid wood frame, with the top row holding the seat securely in place.

A believer in honest design, Koch disliked legs that seemingly appeared out of nowhere, seeing this as cheap tricks. He felt that every design's construction should be of a solid quality throughout, and similarly ruled against using upholstery to hide inferior material.

The exposed frame structure is typical of the Danish functionalists' idiom of separating the bearing and borne parts - or the frame from the seat - to make the construction a design feature in and of itself and accent the appeal of natural materials.

The frame is made from solid wood and the seat/back is upholstered with leather.

THE DESIGNER

Mogens Koch, who is especially known for his furniture classics such as **the bookcase system** (<http://www.youtube.com/embed/YcEYaEmxTcw?rel=0>) and **the Folding programme** (<https://www.youtube.com/embed/sIJRzcLKq9Y?rel=0>), worked with Kaare Klint in 1925-30, and was professor at Kunstakademiets Arkitektskole in Copenhagen in 1950-68. **Mogens Koch's** furniture design forms part of some of the most elegant and important solutions in terms of meeting the requirements to comfort, function and aesthetics and his furniture has been key to Rud. Rasmussen's production since 1932.

Mogens Koch worked within all aspects of architecture - housing plans, houses, monuments, furniture, textiles, silver and writing. **Mogens Koch's** works include only few objects but they are all essential, original and sometimes courageous or daring. There has always been special interaction between **Mogens Koch's** own life and the furniture he designed. None of them came into existence as artistic manifestos but arose from a given assignment and were created for a particular purpose. Thus, his bookcase was at first designed for his private home in Hulgårdsvej near Bellahøj in Copenhagen.

The small rooms in people's houses required a flexible bookcase or cabinet and in 1928 he drew the first sketches for the square bookcase which in the relatively small module of 76 cm x 76 cm provided great and varied functional usage.

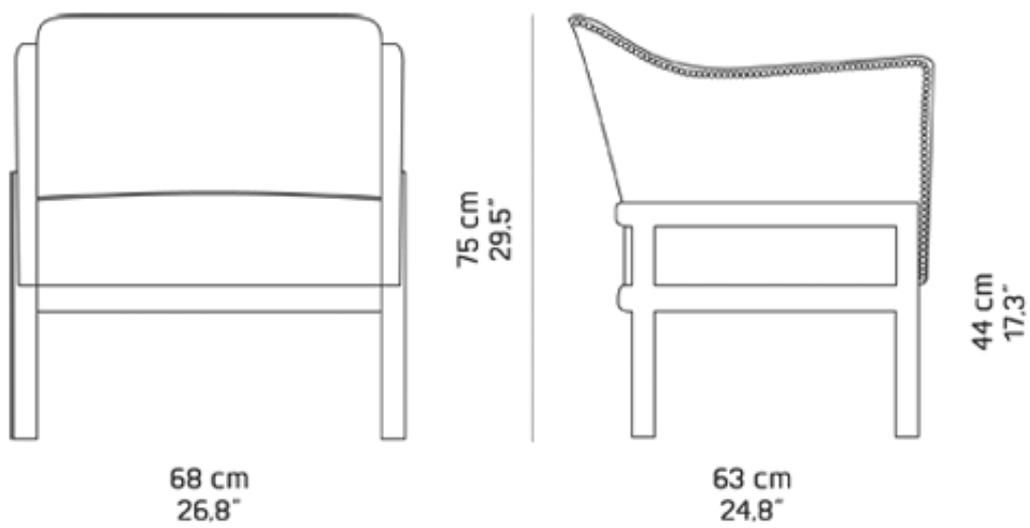
Koch was awarded numerous honorable prizes - amongst others the Eckersberg Medal (1938), the C. F. Hansen Medal (1963) and the ID Prize (1992)

Experience Mogens Koch's 1932 Folding Chair
(<http://www.carlhansen.com/products/chairs/mk99200/>)

Watch the making of the Folding Chair (<https://www.youtube.com/embed/sIjRzclKq9Y?rel=0>)

Watch the making of the Bookcase System
(<https://www.youtube.com/embed/YcEYaEmxTcw?rel=0>)

VARIANTS CHOICES AND DIMENSIONS



MATERIAL MATRIX

Soap Lacquer Oil White oil Black paint

Oak	●	●	●	●	●
Walnut		●	●		

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Carl Hansen & Søn and sustainability

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