SIDE GALLERY

JOE COLOMBO (1930-1971)



Pair of stools

From the series "Additional System"

Manufactured by Sormani
Italy, 1968
Aluminium, Polyurethane, upholstery

Measurements

78,74 cm x 80 cm x 40h cm 30 in x 31,49 in x 15,75h in

Literature

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Biography

Joe Colombo was born in Milan in 1930. Essentially self-taught, he attended the Academy in Brera and then the faculty of Architecture at the Politecnico in Milan for a few years. Before becoming a designer he worked as a painter, builder, car salesman and entrepreneur in the electrics field. The technologi- cal utopia of Joe Colombo's designs encompasses many of the hopes of the Sixties in Italy and Europe without becoming imprisoned by ideological restraints.