

SIDE GALLERY

GUSTAV AXEL BERG (1891-1971)



Floor Lamp

Manufactured by Gustaf Axel Berg
Sweden, 1940s
Brass, cotton

Measurements

70 cm x 27,5 cm x 160h cm
27,5 in x 10,8 in x 63h in

Biography

Gustaf Axel Berg (Sweden, 1891-1971) was a designer and also one of the main pioneers of modern Swedish design. Early in his career, he worked as an engineer on projects in the United Kingdom, Finland, the United States, China and Brazil. He later moved back to Sweden to become technical secretary at the Chamber of Commerce. In 1933, the designer founded his own furniture shop, exploring comfortable seating that would adapt to the anatomy of the body. His career was boosted when he was responsible to create the Awards room and one of the five interiors of the Swedish pavilion at the 1939 World Exhibition in New York. The exhibition is considered the origin of Swedish modernism and his work was exhibited with pieces by Josef Frank and Carl Malmsten. His work can be found in many public collections, including the National Museum in Stockholm.