

# SIDE GALLERY

ILLYA GOLDMAN GUBIN



**Stool model "Karton Hocker 2B"**  
From the series "Karton"  
Manufactured by Illya Goldman Gubin  
Germany, 2021  
Paper, epoxy resin, fiberglass

**Measurements**  
43 cm x 43 cm x 43h cm  
17 in x 17 in x 17h in

**Edition**  
Unique piece

## Biography

Illya Goldman Gubin is a multi-disciplinary artist based in Berlin, with strong ties to fashion and conceptual art. His work ranges from paintings and sculptures to furniture and clothing. Alongside his atelier, his label IGG bridges the gap between fashion, art, and interior.

## Concept

In Karton, a selection of works from Illya Goldman Gubin, we are introduced to a new but familiar path. Extending from his resin experiments allowing fluidity to find form, now this takes the form of utility. Utility in function; resinated cardboard structures are so stiffened that they become the seats we remember as children. Stemming from smaller prototypes accomplished in 2020, these reinforced objects have found structural integrity through serious play. The crushed and hand-formed appearance is something out of a childhood memory. Our past relation with such ever-present material as cardboard, now enters our present again. This cognitive jolt of reminiscence of the familiar is further fortified through Illya's experimental practice. Resin and fiberglass bring to reality that which before only existed in our youthful imagination. Past day dreams thrust into realities. A seat, a bench, a table; boxes stacked high call for engagement. Hardened by Illya's signature resin and fiberglass techniques, this cardboard material normally associated with transport and movement now becomes domestically stoic. While staying true to their raw aesthetic, the use or misuse of these implied objects brings new meaning. Where these cardboard parameters once contained and held in, now they support and withstand out. Movement of goods within these boxes now alludes to mental movement and support outward; interior becomes exterior and back again. What we once carried, can now carry us. All that's remaining from us is a return to the curious mind. Karton is born from remembering this mindset.