

SIDE GALLERY

FRANCO ALBINI (1905-1977) AND FRANCA HELG (1920-1989)



Coat hanger

Manufactured by Poggi
Italy, 1960's
Bamboo and woven wicker

Measurements

50 cm x 188 h cm
19,68 in x 70,1 h in

Biography

Franco Albini was an Italian NeoRationalist architect and designer, he obtained his degree in architecture at Politecnico di Milano University and began his professional career working for Gio Ponti. In 1930 he opened his own practice. In his creations, he used raw, inexpensive materials. He exploited the very skilled Italian craftsmanship. This also meant an elegant design based on a minimalist aesthetic. In 1950 he designed the famous "Margherita" and "Gala" chairs, made of woven cane. Also in 1952 he created the « Fiorenza », in 1955 the "Luisa" chair and in 1956 the "Rocking chaise" for Poggi. Franco Albini works for many companies like: Brionvega, Cassina, Arflex, Arteluce and Poggi. As writer and editor, from 1945 to 1946 he worked for the Italian magazine Casabella.

Franca Helg was an Italian designer and architect. She also had a career teaching at Istituto Universitario Architettura Venezia and Polytechnic of Milan. She collaborated with Franco Albini from 1945 through 1977.