

SIDE GALLERY

CHARLOTTE KINGSNORTH



Chair model "Hi!breed"

From "Hi!breed" series
Manufactured by Charlotte Kingsnorth
Exclusively for Side Gallery
UK, 2022

Old metal tubular and mesh Ikea chair frame,
enveloped sculpted foam, flock finish

Measurements

75 x 80 x 120h cm (45 cm seat height)
29,5 x 31,5 x 47,2h in (17,7 in seat height)

Edition

Unique piece

Concept

The *Hi!breed* collection explores the personification of old chair frames with a sense of a life before. Kingsnorth finds inspiration in working with chairs that have been abandoned or are in need of repair. She moulds the foam directly around the frames in an intuitive lead process of addition and subtraction, physically sculpting out a character and rearranging new body parts in what appears to be an anthropomorphic happening. Each chair is encased in textile, selected and hand stitched or formed to exude the character it has become.

Biography

Charlotte Kingsnorth is a designer and artist born and raised in London, where her studio is now based. In 2009 she graduated from a degree at *Buckinghamshire University* under the contemporary furniture programme. It was here that she won the prestigious *D&AD* award, with a project set by *Vitra*. The following year she designed the *Felt Up Chairs*, which were later (during her studies at the *Royal College of Art*) commissioned by *The Bill Gates Foundation*.

Kingsnorth Graduated from The Royal College of Art's design products programme in 2012 and started to build her studio alongside working as a scenic painter. Soon after she was commissioned to design a permanent sculpture for fifteen Hollen St, a residential block of flats in Soho, London.

Kingsnorth now works with private clients, galleries, brands and global institutions, including Tyler the Creator, The Bill Gates Foundation, ASAP Rocky, Fendi, ByFar, SHOWstudio, Saatchi, Christies, The Crafts Council, The V&A, Holon Design Museum in Israel, the Triennale Design Museum in Milan. She has exhibited in design fairs at Nomad in Monaco, St. Moritz and Capri, Design Miami, New York, London, Paris and Milan, and has works in the permanent collection at Turkey's Odunpazari Modern Museum.