

SIDE GALLERY

JINYEONG YEON



Sofa Model Puffer Pupa

Designed by Jinyeong Yeon
Korea, 2024
Goose down jacket, Foam, Wood

Measurements

225 x 119,9 x 50h cm
88,6 x 47,2 x 19,7h in

Edition

Unique Piece

About

Puffer Pupa is a sculptural work made from surplus puffer jackets—remnants of a system of mass production and consumption. Once valued for their warmth and utility, these industrial materials are easily discarded when trends shift or inventories overflow. In this work, excess goods are reclaimed and reconfigured into a form that evokes a biological presence—specifically, a pupa on the verge of transformation. The cocoon-like shape symbolizes a moment of potential metamorphosis. By presenting discarded consumer products as something alive, vulnerable, and quietly evolving, the piece challenges the linear life cycle of material objects in modern society. Puffer Pupa suggests that even the most overlooked and abandoned forms can contain new energy. The work dissolves boundaries between the human and non-human, the living and the inanimate, urging viewers to reconsider the consequences and afterlives of what we consume and leave behind.

Biography

Jinyeong Yeon (South Korea, 1987) is a Seoul-based designer whose work challenges conventional expectations of comfort, proportion, and materiality. His design language is bold, raw, and often deliberately awkward, using unexpected volumes and industrial finishes to question traditional furniture typologies.

Yeon is particularly known for his sculptural sofas and seating objects, which feature oversized, geometric forms and vivid color contrasts. These pieces create a playful tension between visual weight and physical softness, often inviting the viewer to reconsider what defines comfort.

His approach combines minimal structures with radical silhouettes, resulting in designs that feel at once functional and provocatively artistic. Yeon has exhibited internationally and is widely regarded as one of the most innovative voices in contemporary Korean collectible design.