

# SIDE GALLERY

KATSUO MATSUMURA



## Pair of Chairs

Manufactured by Tendo Mokko  
Japan, circa 1962  
Teak wood, fabric upholstery

## Measurements (each)

49,5 × 40,6 × 69,9h cm  
19,5 × 16 × 27,5h in  
Seat height: 41,9 cm / 16,5 in

## Provenance

Private collection, Japan

## Details

Manufacturer's stamped

## Notes

Produced for Katsuo Matsumura's own residence  
in Yokohama

## Biography

**Katsuo Matsumura** (1914–2005) was a Japanese furniture designer known for his dedication to practical, affordable design. Trained in woodcraft at the Tokyo Prefectural Craftwork School and later at the Industrial Art Training School, he gained early experience working with architect Junzo Yoshimura. After serving in the war, he joined Yoshimura's newly founded architecture office, where his talent quickly stood out among leading designers of his generation.

Matsumura became recognized for pieces such as the Gama (Sedge) Chair and the dining chair T-0635B, which reflected his belief that Japanese furniture should be compact, lightweight, and accessible. Although briefly involved in the design collective Q-Designers, he soon chose to work independently, focusing on low-cost furniture that could be mass-produced without sacrificing quality.

Throughout his career, he collaborated with prominent architects and designers—including Jun Masuzawa—and contributed to influential interior projects such as Shinjuku Fugetsudo. Inspired early on by Charlotte Perriand's visit to Japan, Matsumura embraced a design ethos rooted in simplicity, functionality, and everyday usability. His work remains appreciated for its modest elegance and practicality.