SIDE GALLERY

KATSUO MATSUMURA



Windsor Armchair
Manufactured by Akita Mokko
Japan, 1970s
Lacquered birchwood and upholstered seat

Measurements
70 cm x 65 cm x 77h cm
27,6 in x 25,6 in x 30,5h in

Seat Height
33 cm
13 in

About
Manufactured by Akita Mokko during the 1970s, the Windsor Armchair reinterprets the traditional Windsor typology through the principles of Japanese modern design. Its enveloping curved backrest, slender wooden spindles and upholstered seat combine traditional woodworking techniques with restrained proportions and functional comfort. The warm lacquered finish and fluid structure create a balance between craftsmanship, material sensitivity and modern elegance.

About Akita Mokko
Akita Mokko is a Japanese furniture manufacturer recognized for its expertise in bentwood and traditional woodworking techniques. Throughout the twentieth century, the company combined craftsmanship with industrial production, exploring the possibilities of curved timber to create lightweight furniture with fluid silhouettes and refined proportions. Its work reflects the dialogue between Japanese craftsmanship and international modernism, contributing to the development of postwar Japanese furniture design.

Biography
Katsuo Matsumura (1923–1991) was a Japanese furniture and interior designer born in Tokyo. After graduating from the Tokyo School of Fine Arts in 1944, he worked with architect Junzo Yoshimura before establishing his own design practice in 1958. His work focused on functional, carefully constructed furniture, exploring materials such as bentwood, moulded plywood and metal. Among his best-known designs is the Gama Chair (1972), reflecting his interest in combining simplicity, practicality and craftsmanship.

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