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GEORGE NAKASHIMA



Ottoman Model “CN114 Green Rock”
Manufactured by Sakura Seisakusho
Japan, 1980s
Solid walnut, Leather

Measurements
52,5 × 52,5 × 35h cm
20,7 × 20,7 × 13,8h in

Details
Signed by George Nakashima on underside.

Literature
Nakashima, G. (1990). George Nakashima Woodworker: New Hope, Pennsylvania (Studio catalog, ca. 1990). New Hope, PA: George Nakashima Woodworkers.
Nakashima, G. (2003). Nature, Form & Spirit: The Life and Legacy of George Nakashima. New York, NY: Abrams.

Provenance
Private Collection, Japan

About
The Green Rock Ottoman reflects George Nakashima’s philosophy of simplicity, material honesty and harmony with nature. Produced by Sakura Seisakusho in Japan during the 1970s and 1980s, it combines a solid wood frame with a generously upholstered cushion, balancing comfort with restrained geometry. The natural variations in the wood grain and colour highlight the material’s individuality, while its carefully considered proportions demonstrate Nakashima’s commitment to craftsmanship and understated elegance.

Biography
George Nakashima (1905–1990) was an influential woodworker and furniture designer known for his philosophical approach to craftsmanship and natural materials. Born in Washington to Japanese immigrant parents, he studied architecture before travelling through Europe and Asia. During the 1930s, he worked in Japan with architect Antonin Raymond, where he developed a deep understanding of Japanese architecture and traditional woodworking techniques.
After returning to the United States, Nakashima established his workshop in New Hope, Pennsylvania, developing a distinctive style characterized by solid wood construction, exposed joinery and the preservation of natural grain and edges. His work combined modernist principles with traditional craftsmanship, emphasizing the inherent beauty of wood. Through international collaborations, including projects in India, he extended his design philosophy across cultural contexts. Today, his work is celebrated for its synthesis of modern design, artisanal skill and respect for nature.

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