

Mater product sheet Shell Lounge Chair

02111 Shell Lounge Chair Saddle Leather # 02112 Shell Lounge Chair Black Leather

Design: Michael Dreeben / US

Material: frame in beechwood or oak with top in premium brown saddle leather or black leather

Dimensions: W 54 cm x D 40 cm x H 75 cm [seat height: 35 cm]

Origin: made in Jaipur, India

The Shell Chair developed out of Michael Dreebens ongoing interest in traditional craft practices in North India - in this case saddle making.

Exquisitely made saddles have been produced in India for centuries, and although some horse culture persists, it's waning as India becomes more technologically

developed. The Shell Chairs attempt to incentivize this skilled trade by providing these artisans with a new market for their craft, and hopefully encouraging them to pass it on to younger generations. The shape of the chair is an homage to Scandinavian design of the mid-twentieth century and embraces some of its core values: it's clean of line and is intended to emphasize the leather forming and stitching, it's deeply comfortable, and it's durable — like the saddles it's derived from, it's crafted from thick, top-grain leather, and with reasonable care, will last for decades.

Frames: black stained beechwood, dark stained oak, soaped oak and sirka grey oak. Chair top: premium brown saddle leather and black leather.

[Picture left: soaped oak frame and premium brown saddle leather top]

Highly skilled artisans operating from workshops and small cooperatives in the Jaipur Province have crafted the stool. the workshop has actively participated in the fair trade program Susbiz India (www.susbizindia.org), externally managed and audited by the Danish federation of small and medium-sized enterprises. The oak wood is from controlled sources (fsc)

