

The original Barcelona chair is handmade and as its value increases it can be seen as an investment. The Knoll emblem appears on all original chairs.

Reproduction changes in size and is much heavier than the original design.

'God is in the details.' – Ludwig Mies van der Rohe



Fine arts

Painted for you, a unique décor concept for the home and office, is causing a stir in South African interior design. This Cape Town gallery commissions and contracts international artists to produce artworks for local clients. The gallery is affiliated to United Artists - a team of artists, photographers and designers who work together to produce high-quality oil paintings with the use of a few oils and numerous traditional painting techniques.

BOOKWORM

After years of minimalism, interior design is moving onto more opulent styles. Elizabeth Wilhide, author of *New Décor* (ISBN 9781844003297, R404), will inspire you with colours and textures that will overwhelm your senses. Along with clever designs and breathtaking visual elements, she also provides practical tips and advice about the use of colour and texture in your home.



What's what

The popular design of the Barcelona chair was a precursor to the modernist design styles which marked the Bauhaus period. The elegant lines of this much-copied chair have become a favourite item in many contemporary homes.

DESIGNER Mies van der Rohe
YEAR 1929

HISTORY The German government instructed Van Der Rohe to design a German pavilion for the Barcelona World Arts Fair that was held in Montjuic, Spain in 1929. Van Der Rohe also had to design furniture for the pavilion and that is how the Barcelona chair was born. In 1948 the American furniture manufacturers Knoll Studios won the exclusive rights to produce the original Barcelona chair. Buy the original version at Lime Line for about R46 000, call them on 021 421 3545 or go to www.limeline.co.za. Alternatively, opt for the Casini chair for R3 995, a reproduction in a similar style from Coricraft. Call them on 0861 114 779 or go to www.coricraft.co.za for more details.

Size matters

FatSak is one of the coolest alternatives to traditional sofas. Say goodbye to outdated seating options, and invite these playful bags of comfort into your home.

The fabric bags are filled with foam and come in a range of colours and different textures. Sink into it once and you'll never want to get up. We should know - we have one in the office.

The FatSak is available in a variety of removable covers, predominantly made from machine-washable materials such as denim. You can also have yours covered in faux fur.

The prices vary according to size. The small version (diameter 1,2m) provides comfortable seating for one person, and is a must for children. Standard material R1 999, special material R2 499. Go to www.fatsak.co.za for more.

