

Bertoia Collection

HARRY BERTOIA



Knoll



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Harry Bertoia's iconic furniture collection was introduced by Knoll in 1952 and instantly proclaimed one of the greatest achievements of 20th century furniture design. The collection was inspired by Bertoia's experiment with bending industrial metal rods into sculptural furniture forms. "If you look at those chairs," he said, "they are mainly made

of air, like sculpture. Space passes right through them." Innovative, comfortable, and handsome, the collection's delicate appearance belies its strength and durability. Finish and upholstery options vary by model. The Side Chair, Barstool, Diamond Chair, and Bench are also available in a special finish for outdoor use.

*Bertoia Diamond Chair in gold (right),
Bertoia Asymmetric Chaise (below)*

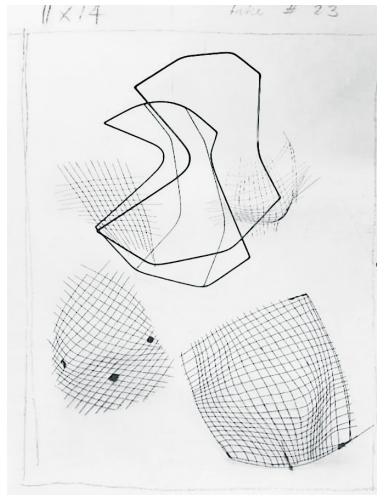




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Bertoia always thought of himself first as a sculptor. He conceived of his secondary pursuits—which included the creation of jewelry, furniture, monoprints, and other goods—as a means of making a living while experimenting with materials and ideas. Bertoia studied painting and metalworking at Cranbrook Academy of Art. Tired of the heavy forms that were dominant in the European sculptural tradition, he joined a group of post-war American sculptors (including Alexander Calder) who

experimented with mobile, pliable, and light forms in their work. After partnering with Knoll, Bertoia moved to East Greenville, Pennsylvania where he set up a metal factory in a corner of Knoll's production facility. Florence Knoll insisted Bertoia pursue his craft without any contractual obligations, enabling him to explore what interested him. Knoll trusted that if left to his own devices, Bertoia would produce something extraordinary. From there, the Bertoia Collection was born.



*Harry Bertoia sketches (left),
Harry Bertoia (below, right),
Bertoia Bench (below, left)*





Side Chair
21¾"W × 19¾"D × 28¾"H
+ Available in outdoor finish



Barstool, Counter Height
21¾"W × 22"D × 39½"H
+ Available in bar height
+ Available in outdoor finish



Molded Plastic Shell Chair
20²/₅"W × 21¹/₂"D × 33¹/₂"H
+ Available in bar and
counter height



Bird Chair
38½"W × 33"D × 40¼"H
Bird Chair Ottoman
23½"W × 17¼"D × 14½"H



Diamond Chair
33½"W × 28¼"D × 30"H
+ Available in outdoor finish



Large Diamond Chair
45"W × 31½"D × 28¼"H
+ Available in outdoor finish



Asymmetric Chaise
52"W × 38½"D × 40¼"H



Bench
72"W × 19"D × 15¼"H
+ Available in outdoor finish