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HANS J. WEGNER

CH24 CHILDREN'S WISHBONE CHAIR



HANS J. WEGNER
1914-2007

Among Danish furniture designers, Hans J. Wegner is considered one of the most creative, innovative, and prolific. Hans J. Wegner was part of the spectacular generation that created the first wave of Danish Modern design. 'Many foreigners have asked me how we created the Danish style,' Wegner once said. 'And I've answered that it was a continuous process of purification and of simplification - to cut down to the simplest possible design of four legs, a seat, and a combined back- and armrest.'

The core of Wegner's legacy is his focus on showing the inner soul of furniture pieces through a simple and functional exterior. The son of a cobbler, Wegner was born in 1914 in Tønder, a town in southern Denmark. He began his apprenticeship with Danish master cabinetmaker H. F. Stahlberg when he was just 14 years old. Later, he moved to Copenhagen and attended the School of Arts and Crafts from 1936 to 1938 before setting out as a furniture designer.

CH24 WISHBONE CHAIR FOR FUTURE DESIGN ENTHUSIASTS

In celebration of Hans J. Wegner's 110th birthday on April 2nd, 2024, Carl Hansen & Søn proudly presents the first edition of his iconic CH24 Wishbone Chair for children after many years on the drawing board. Designed in 1949, the CH24 Wishbone Chair is now available in a version suitable for children from the age of three. Although smaller, the chair is no less complex to craft as the downscaling was particularly challenging. The individual components cannot simply be downscaled by the same ratio; each component requires its own precise dimensions to retain the chair's original expression while balancing proportions to achieve the perfect result.

The CH24 Children's Wishbone Chair is available for sale from April 2nd, 2024.







“Beautiful design and excellent craftsmanship are ageless, which is why we’re very pleased to present the CH24 Children’s Wishbone Chair. This smaller version of the Wishbone Chair blends in perfectly with the rest of a household’s furniture and is an ideal gift idea for future design enthusiasts.”

Knud Erik Hansen, CEO & 3rd Generation of Carl Hansen & Søn

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MATERIALS

The Wishbone Chair’s back and armrests are made from a single piece of wood. To stabilise the steam-bent back and maximise its comfort, Wegner developed the characteristic wishbone-shaped back for which the chair is named. For the seat, Wegner chose paper cord weaving, a choice necessitated by the post-war shortage of the materials traditionally used to make chair seats, such as leather, textile, and wood. After working with paper cord for several years, he became so fond of its appearance and qualities that what was originally an improvised solution became his preferred choice.

Like the original, the CH24 Children’s Wishbone Chair is made up of fourteen components, taking more than a hundred production steps to craft and assemble each chair, most of which are done by hand. The seat is woven in the envelope pattern using 75 metres of paper cord. The diameter of the paper cord is also scaled down to achieve a lighter expression that matches the chair’s smaller dimensions. It takes an experienced craftsman one hour to weave the seat by hand, and all the processes are carried out at Carl Hansen & Søn’s factory in Gelsted, Denmark. Available in FSC™-certified oak with oil.

The chair fulfils safety requirements and test methods (EN 17191:2021) for children’s furniture and seating for children.

