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introducing
workshop bench

by Cecilie Manz

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Cecilie Manz offers a new perspective on the two-seater bench with Muuto

The renowned Danish designer revisits the Workshop family for Muuto that includes the Workshop Chair and Table, adding a two-seat bench that extends and plays with the distinct design language. The workshop Bench reimagines the bench, its place and potential within the four walls of the home.

“Design processes can be chaotic. The path to the moment of clarity – namely the final product - often winds through a forest of doubt and disorder. Among growing piles of model foam, dust, cardboard, wood, and coffee you find a surprisingly creative place - sometimes to produce a needle it takes a haystack,” says Manz of her process.

The Workshop Bench was developed in the serene setting of her studio in central Copenhagen, much like the rest of the family. While the namesake chair and table play off references to Danish design history, the bench feels like it brings something altogether new to the table. It is simple yet sculptural, far from your average bench, with a smooth extension from the seat to the back, a beautiful detail that also enhances comfort.

Manz shares: “Workshop Bench’s design is deliberately simple, almost archetypical, giving it a quiet, clean strength. The solid oak frame harmoniously blends in with the seat and back made of laminated hardwood veneer, eliciting a light yet robust expression.”

It is a contemporary and playful approach to a classic piece of furniture in Scandinavian homes — the wooden bench, where we tie our shoes or read a book by the kitchen table in the morning. Its solid wooden legs and delicately curved seat create a characteristic silhouette echoed in the rest of the family. Workshop Bench offers a more sculptural appearance with simple yet considered details. Designed to stand on its own, it is an ideal addition to a narrow space such as the hallway or as a statement piece in its own right.

About Cecilie Manz

Cecilie Manz’ work within furniture, glass, lighting, and ceramics has received international acclaim and is sold and exhibited all over the world. She is educated from The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts with additional studies at the University of Art and Design in Helsinki. Manz founded her eponymous studio in Copenhagen in 1998 and has since received numerous awards and honors for her work—amongst others The Crown Prince Couples Cultural Award and the Three-Year Working Grant from the Danish Arts Foundation. Manz has been part of the Muuto family from the very beginning, designing products that include the Workshop Chair, the Airy Coffee Table series, the Compile Shelving System and now, the Workshop Coffee Table

About Muuto

Based in Copenhagen, Muuto is a contemporary design company committed to expanding on the Scandinavian design heritage. Founded in 2006, the brand has experienced exponential international growth with its new perspectives on Scandinavian Design.

With a bold and creative approach to new materials and techniques, the brand always delivers new perspectives on Scandinavian design by working with leading contemporary designers such as Cecilie Manz, Anderssen&Voll, Studiepepe and TAF Studio.

Muuto has 17 showrooms across Europe, Asia and the United States and stores in Copenhagen, Stockholm and Paris.

In 2018, the brand was acquired by Knoll, later becoming Millerknoll.

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Materials

Lacquered solid oak and oak veneer.

Colors

Oak, Black.

Prices

B90 cm € 995 / £ 895 / USD 1.295 / DKK 7.495 / SEK 10.495 / NOK 10.495 / CAD 1.649 / CNY 10.995

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