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Al Deyafah «Hospitality» Chair - a fusion of modern design and traditional Saudi Arabian culture. This coffee-inspired chair symbolizes hospitality, warmth, and connection, this sought-after addition to any space merges tradition and innovation, boasting elegance and functionality in equal measure.

Inspired by the elegant curves of the Arabic coffee cup, the chair cradles the sitter in comfort and style. The backrest boasts intricate carving that draws inspiration from the patterns found in Saudi Arabian architecture. Additionally, the legs of the chair mirror the design of a coffee cup saucer.

The coffee-inspired chair can adapt to any interior design style, making it the perfect statement piece for modern hotels, Majlises, or homes. Its upholstery will feature motifs and patterns commonly found on Arabian coffee cups, adding an authentic touch. These designs will be integrated into the fabric or leather used to cover the seat and backrest, creating a visually striking and culturally significant piece of furniture. Celebrate the beauty of Saudi Arabian culture while enjoying the timeless elegance of this chair.





FORM | Timeless tradition meets modern design

The **Arabic Coffee Cup**, also known as the «finjan» in Saudi Arabia, is an essential element of the country's coffee culture. The cup is often ornately decorated with intricate patterns or colorful designs, making it a visually appealing piece. In Saudi Arabia, the finjan is used to serve traditional Arabic coffee, also known as «qahwa». The finjan is an important part of the coffee-serving ritual, with guests often offered multiple cups of coffee as a sign of hospitality and respect.

The finjan is also often used as a symbol of cultural identity and heritage in Saudi Arabia. It has been adapted into various art forms, including pottery, painting, and calligraphy, as a way of preserving and celebrating Saudi Arabia's rich cultural heritage.

Overall, the Arabic coffee cup in Saudi Arabia is not just a practical serving vessel but also a symbol of cultural tradition and identity. Its small size and delicate design are a testament to the importance of hospitality and respect in Saudi Arabian culture.



Arabic Coffee Cup

To incorporate the Arabic coffee cup form, the chair seat would be designed to resemble the shape of a Finjan, with a curved, tapered form that provides comfort and support.

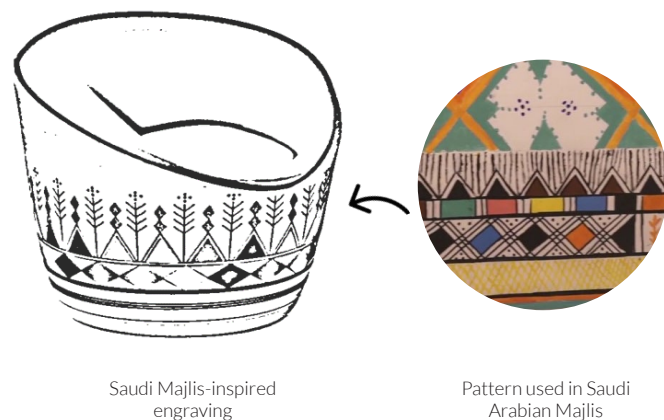
PATTERN | Tradition, rooted in every detail

The patterns used in Saudi Arabian Majlis design are a reflection of **the countrys cultural heritage and artistic traditions**. They are a testament to the country's commitment to preserving and celebrating its rich history and traditions.

Over the centuries, the women have painted the majlis (i.e., drawing rooms) of their dwellings with bright, natural colours, depicting a diverse array of geometrical and floral patterns.

Majalis were traditionally painted by women with patterns consisting of lines, branch-like figures, plethora of triangles and squares.

Within triangles and squares, the artists would express their individuality with miniature motifs. Each Majlis that displayed the individual artist's own style was a mark of pride for the family's women and a source of surprise and enjoyment for the visitors and guests.



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Orthographic drawings



TOP VIEW



BACK VIEW



FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



Sustainable Materials

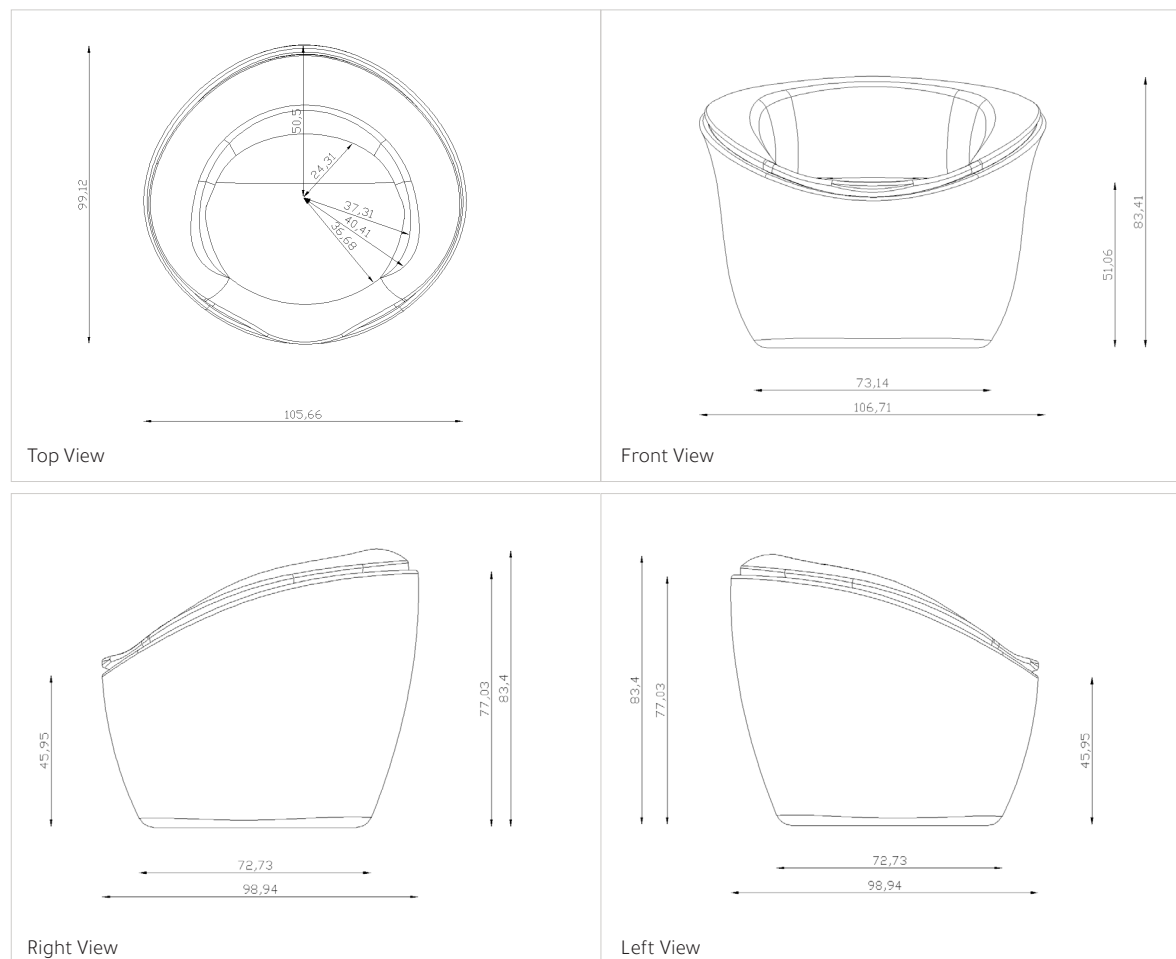
Designing a sustainable chair using materials like sustainable foam for padding, recycled wood for structure, and cork leather for padding finishing can create a chair that is not only environmentally friendly but also stylish and durable.

The use of **sustainable foam** for padding provides a comfortable seating experience while reducing the environmental impact of traditional petroleum-based foam.

Recycled wood is a sustainable choice for the chair's structure, as it reduces the amount of waste in landfills and helps preserve natural resources.

The **cork leather** padding finishing adds a luxurious touch to the chair while being a sustainable and cruelty-free alternative to traditional leather. Together, these materials can create a beautiful and functional chair that is both sustainable and supportive of local industries in Saudi Arabia.





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Chair Cost

The cost of materials for a chair of this size could range from **50-100** USD, Labor costs in Saudi Arabia can vary depending on the level of skill and experience of the workers, as well as the location of the manufacturer. Assuming an average labor cost of around **10-20** USD per hour, and assuming it takes around **6-8** hours to manufacture a chair of this size, the total labor cost could be around **60-160** USD.

Other expenses, such as overhead costs, transportation, and marketing expenses, will also need to be factored in. All in all, the total cost of manufacturing the chair can range from **150-300** USD.

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