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About Maria Arias De Diego

me

I am Maria Arias de Diego, a recently graduated Product and Furniture design student at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Ever since I was a child, I have been fascinated by how everyday objects can be transformed into something beautiful and functional. I grew up around an artistic painter and a product designer, so painting and designing have always been passions of mine. They inspired me to question the core values of design and helped me understand form and function as I designed. As I grew older, I began to explore this interest through various creative outlets, including art, sketching and photography.

I have been fortunate enough to work with some fantastic individuals and technicians throughout my course, who taught me the skills I had to learn to become the designer I am today. I enjoy not only the technical side, such as CAD, CAM, graphic design, sketching and modelling but also the design and creative thinking process and concept development.

I am constantly inspired by the challenge of creating something new and unique that will enhance our daily experiences in countless ways, whether it is a chair that provides comfort and support or a lamp that creates a warm and inviting atmosphere.

When designing, I often focus on the product's physical appearance, so I love starting with a blank canvas and letting my creativity flow onto the paper. The idea comes naturally. It is like a sudden thought that comes into your mind, and once that idea is there, you need to put it down on paper. There are endless possibilities. It is a unique process that lets you create something physical out of an idea formed in your mind.
I always strive to improve my craft and push the boundaries of what is possible. I like experimenting with different styles and aesthetics. And I love incorporating elements from different styles and eras into my design.

In addition, I use photography to complement my design work.

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Sunset chair



750W x 720H x 650D

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It is made from equal lengths of sustainably sourced oak, joined together by hand to create that perfect shape. Treated with eco-friendly natural hard-wax oil with 0% VOC content, which could harm workers' and consumers' health. The sunset chair has angled rectangular legs made from strong steel. As standard, they come with a matt black finish, although they could be customised to clients' colour specifications.



Perfect for indoors, it is designed to ease the process of assembly and disassembly.

At the end of this chair's life, its components can be easily replaced and recycled.



Inspired by
the form and
beauty of
the sunset

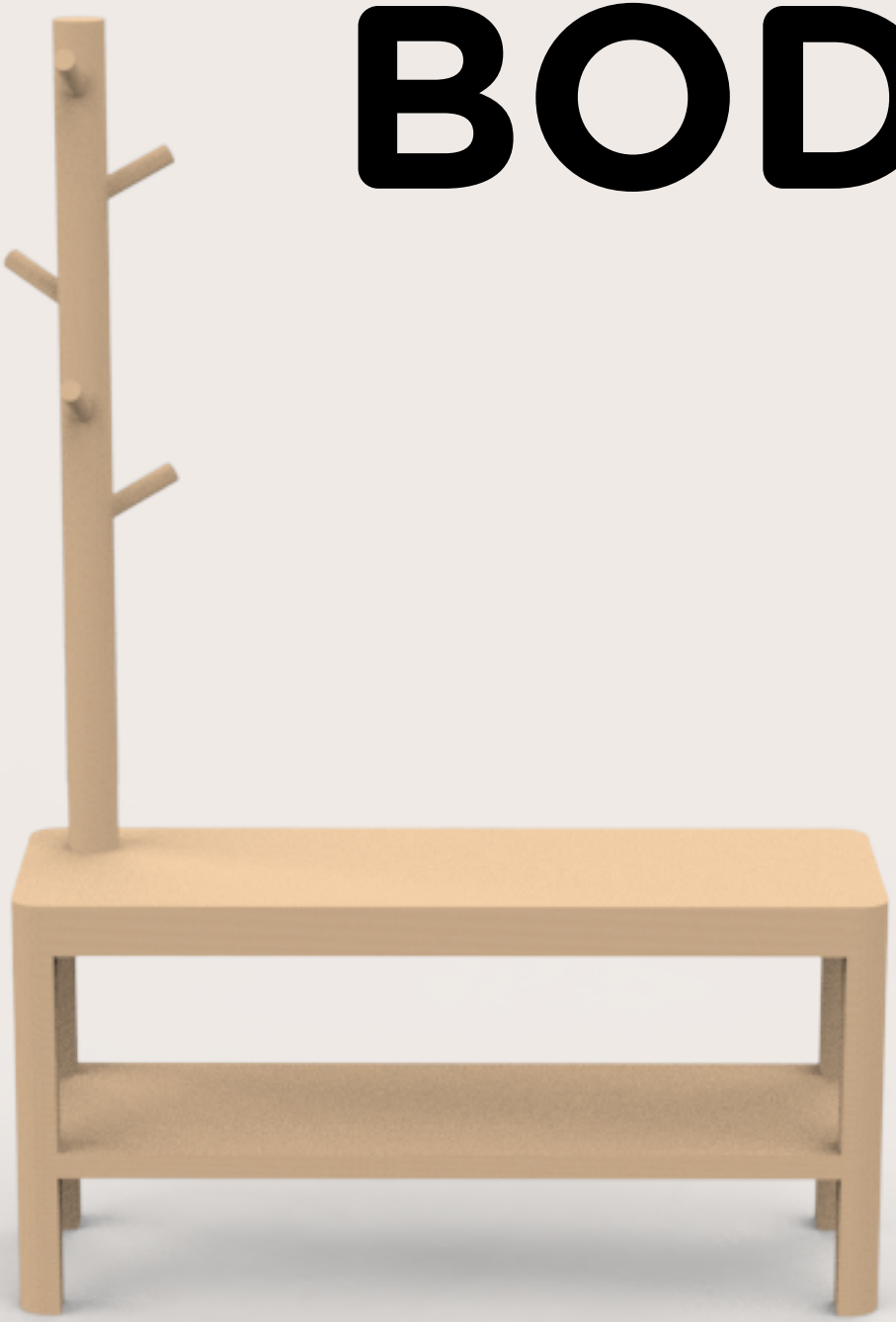
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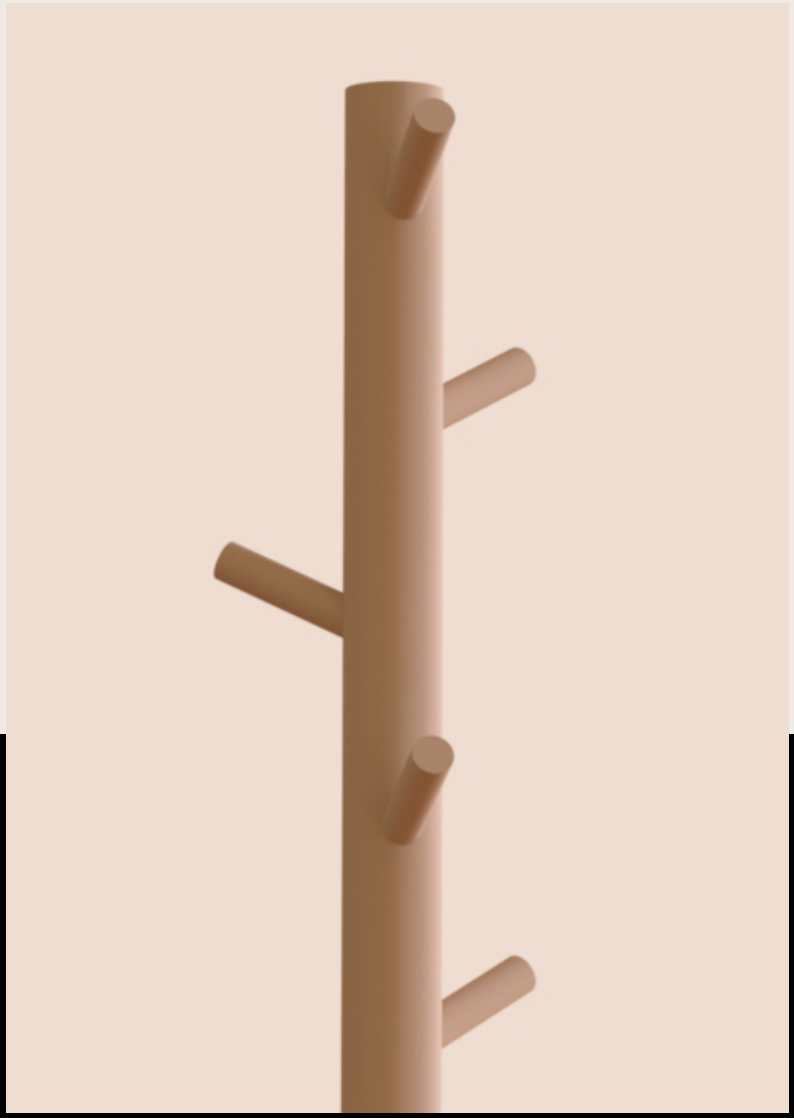
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BODO is a coat hanger and shoe rack bench designed for IKEA. It is made of solid birch wood, which is a hardwearing and warm natural material, with a clear acrylic lacquer finish, which gives it Ikea's famous Scandinavian aesthetic.

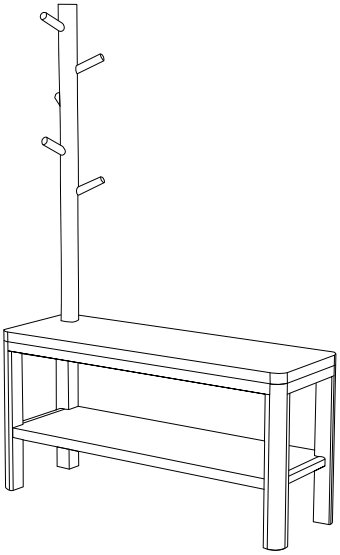
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1000W x 1600H x 330D



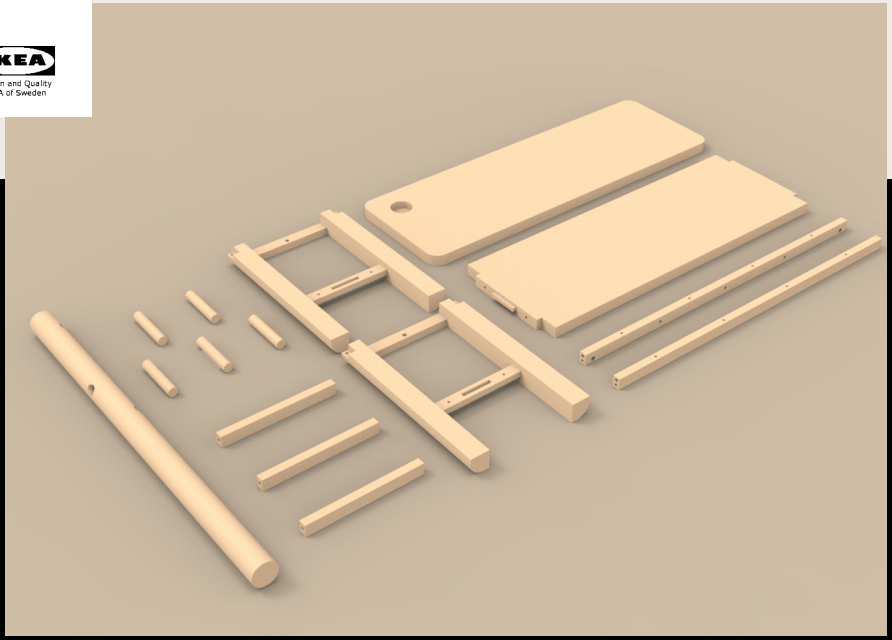
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IKEA
Design and Quality
IKEA of Sweden

This bench will help you keep your hallway tidy and your shoes and coats well-organized.

Like most of IKEA's products, it comes flat-packed, so it includes an instruction manual that will assist you in the assembly process of this 7 component furniture piece.



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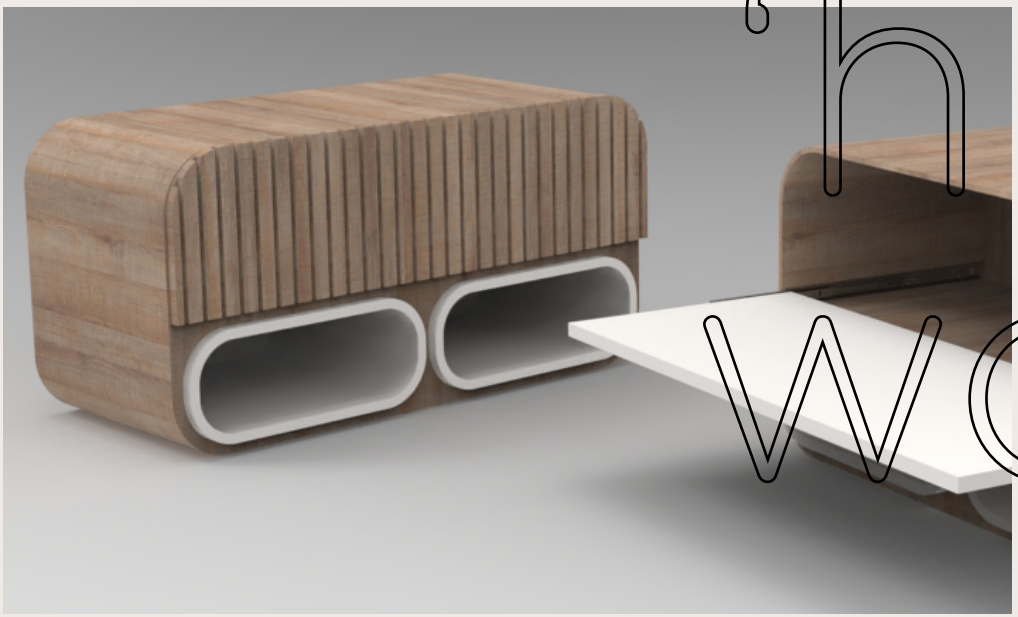
Floating table

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The pandemic has highlighted societal shifts in both where and the way we work. There has been an increase in the hybrid metamorphic between the home and office environments with an increase in digital immersion but also the need for personal space as well as collaboration engagement.



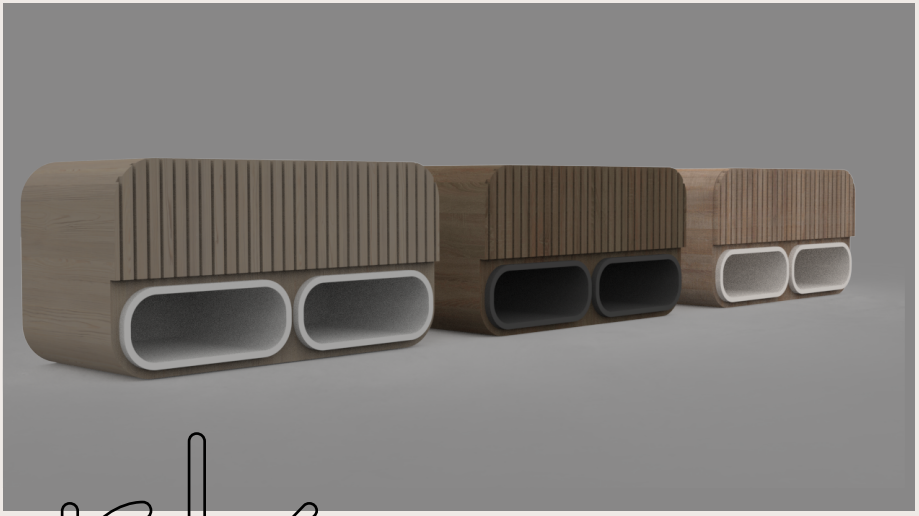
Since the start of COVID-19, many people now have to work and study online. So, I wanted to create a design that would help those people that struggle working from home.

‘hide’ works ar for about

your space nd get t work

I have designed a floating table with a pull-out desk made from oak, with 3 different finishes. It is designed to be screwed to a wall, elevated from the ground. This table is convenient for those that do not have enough space, as you can just pack up your table by closing it, and for those that cannot disconnect from work, as you can just 'hide' your workspace and forget about work while resting.

Comes with a melamine laminated desk, also with 3 finishes, that is highly durable and scratch resistant and two storages spaces, so users can keep their office stuff closed and organized.



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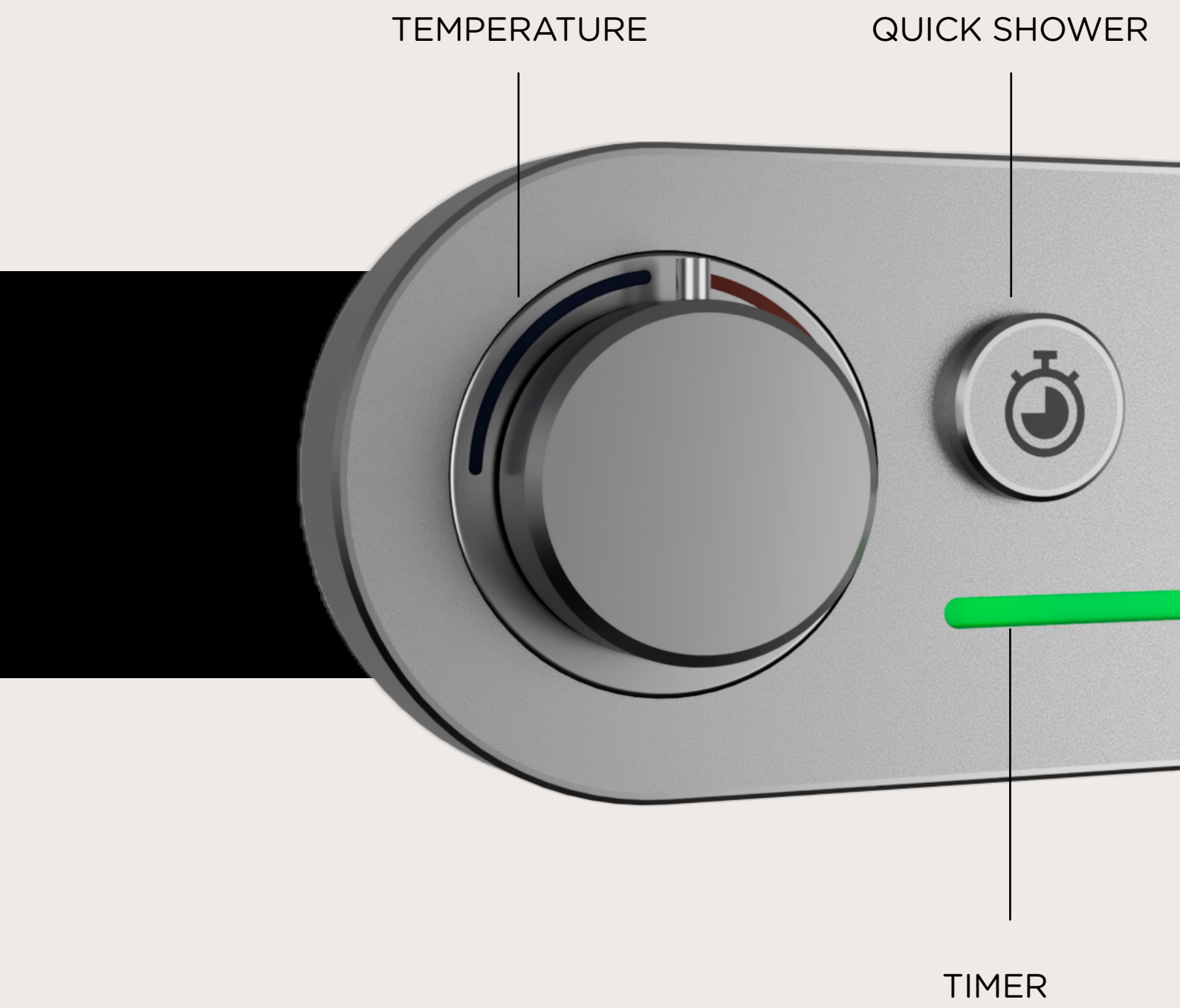
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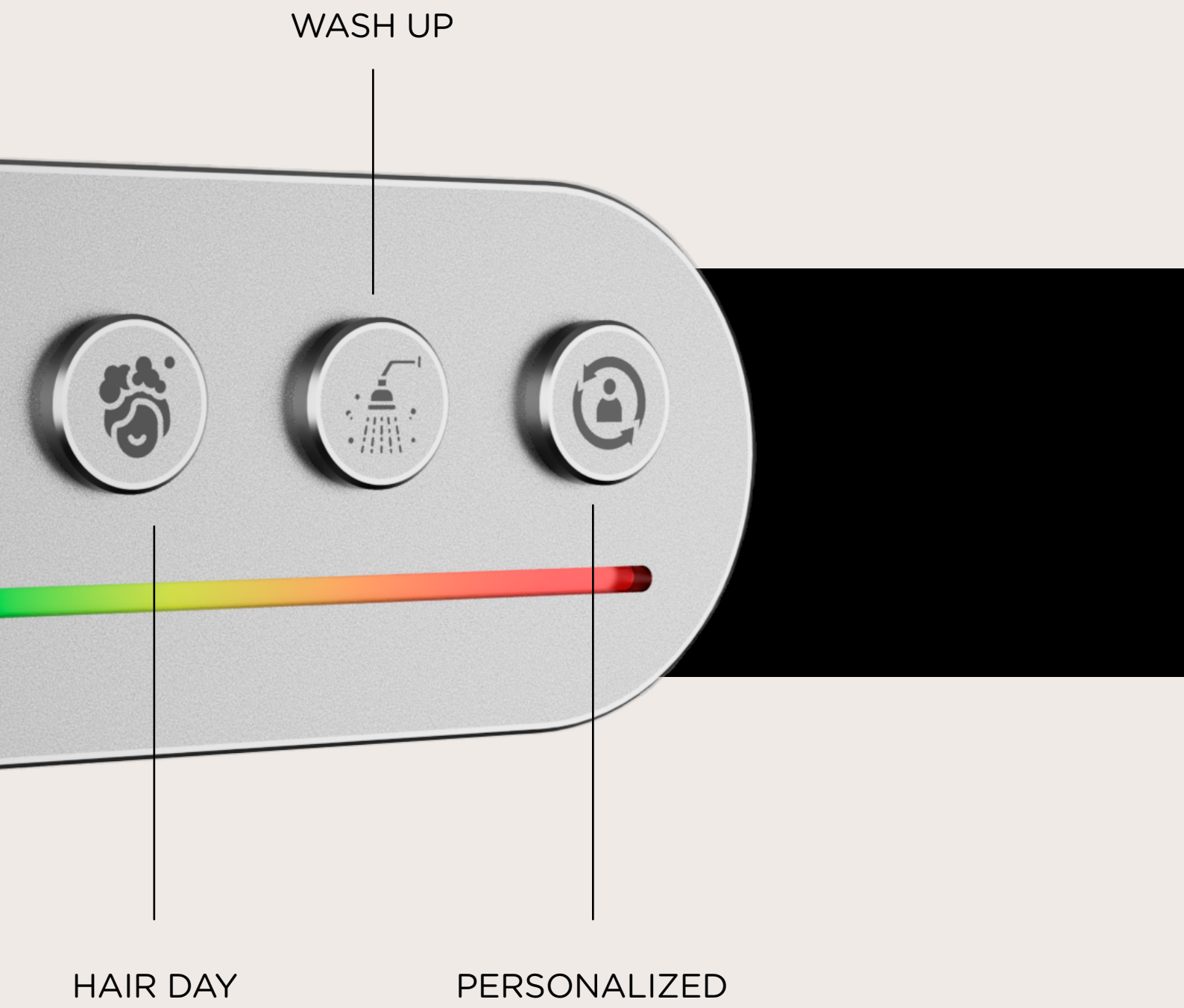
CONTROL



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For this brief, I presented a product for everyday use that controls the time spent in the shower and, therefore, can be used to reduce water consumption. This device counts with four different settings, each one with different times and phases. It also comes with an app, connected via Bluetooth, that allows you to modify settings and records data points about your shower, for example, the amount of water used. This device is extremely useful as an educational tool, especially for the younger generations, as it teaches that showers do not need to take long.


TEMPERATURE
QUICK SHOWER
TIMER


WASH UP
HAIR DAY
PERSONALIZED

TREBLE

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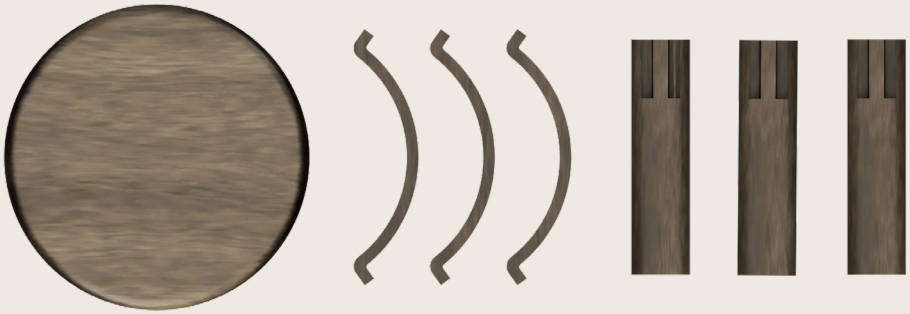


STOOL

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Designed a simple and minimal wooden stool made with European oak timber or American black walnut and finished with low VOC natural hard wax oil.

In order to ensure that TREBLE stool can be reusable, recyclable or biodegradable, I have opted for these natural materials, including water-based glue.



Made with a choice of natural finish, solid oak, or solid walnut



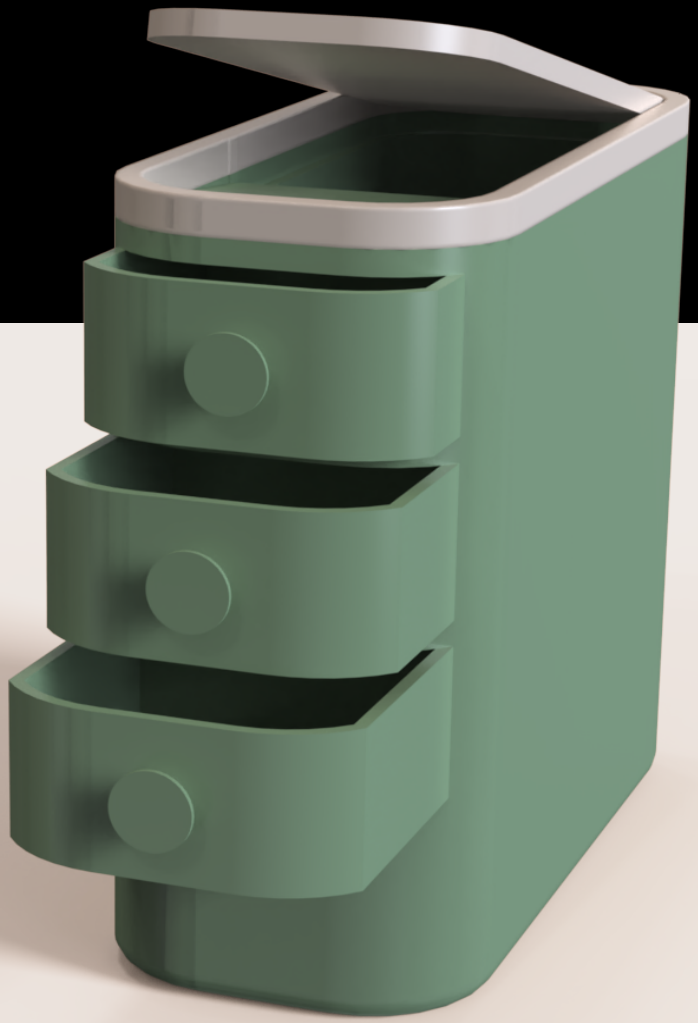




In addition, its durability and functionality guarantee years of everyday use in a wide range of public and private environments- form corporate spaces and cafes to home environments. The TREBLE low stool is designed to be occasionally used as a side table if wanted.

MUNDITIA

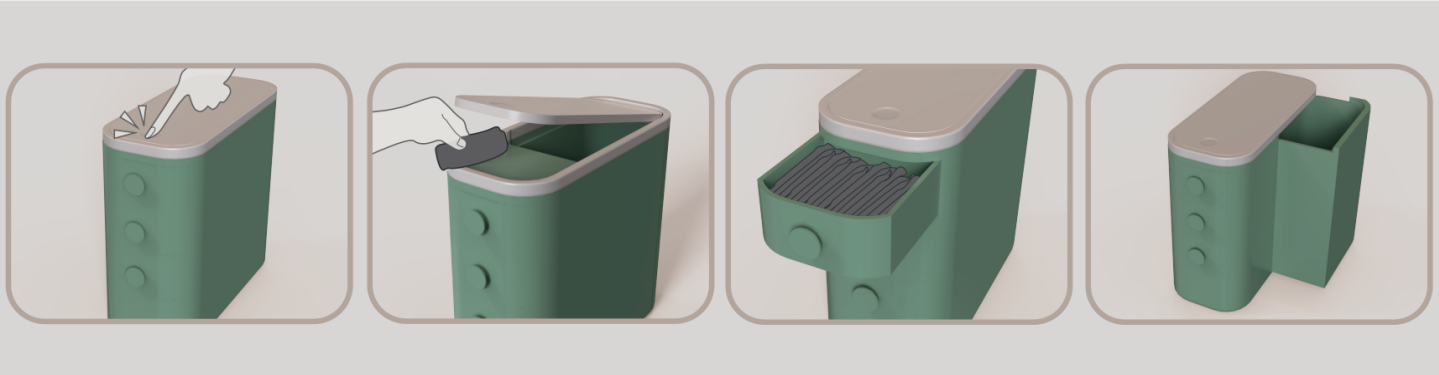
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Named “Munditia”, after the Latin word for ‘cleanness’, ‘neatness’ or ‘tidiness.’









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This sanitary bin replaces your ordinary bathroom bin to offer absolute discretion when emptying into your general household waste bin.

With its design, you can dispose of hygienic waste safely and conveniently without having to worry about spills or smelly odours. Plus, it has enough storage space for sanitary products to last for the whole cycle, so you have them within reach in case you forget them.

Made with recycled thermoplastic technopolymer with and soft-touch treatment

Available in different colours so that everyone can use it. Munditia is not just for feminine hygiene. It can be used for other purposes.

LAUTUS

This unique piece of furniture draws inspiration from the art movement known as Dadaism, which emphasises the use of unusual methods, materials or shapes to create art. The Lautus chair features a tubular frame that is both sturdy and stylish. It is a perfect example of how unusual forms can be used to create a visually stunning and comfortable chair.





The tubular frame of the chair is not a typical shape used in furniture design, which makes it stand out as a unique piece of furniture.
Its sleek and modern design is a perfect choice to be used in a variety of settings, from the home to the office.


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One of the key features of this chair is its upholstered seat and tube, which provides support while also enhancing its visual appeal. In terms of aesthetics, it can be customised to suit your décor and personal style. You can choose from modern and traditional styles and even mix and match different colours, whether you are looking for a bold statement piece or a subtle addition to your home. Some chairs also feature unique accents, such as decorative stitching.







