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## Tom Sachs' Newest Project Has Us Over The Moon

Artist Tom Sachs brings his interstellar visions home with a new array of sculptural furniture

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Creatively speaking, artist Tom Sachs has often traveled to the moon and back. As part of his ongoing Space Program, he has revived NASA's Apollo project, re-creating components from the lunar expeditions. He has simulated flights into Jupiter's orbit. And he has staged missions to Mars, among other extraterrestrial adventures.

These days, with a range of furniture in the works, Sachs finds himself absorbed in a more earthly realm. Encompassing both unique and limited editions, the pieces all riff on his signature bricolage technique, wherein Sachs puts everyday materials to extraordinary use. "Building with the limited resources available—that concept is in everything I do," reflects Sachs. A side chair, for example, pairs

a bent polycarbonate back and seat with a sculptural plywood frame. Circular cutouts and drill holes reduce the overall weight, a nod to spacecraft construction.

"In the tradition of Calder, Tom is an artisanal artist who makes everything in his environment, from cup to walls," says *Salon 94's* [Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn](#), who will unveil a selection of Sachs's pieces at *Design Miami*. "He has studied, tweaked, and signed every surface. Furniture is a natural outgrowth of this tendency."

Design, of course, is not un-charted terrain for Sachs. After studying architecture in London, he spent time working at Frank Gehry's L.A. furniture studio. In the years since, he has found ample inspiration in everyday objects, conjuring everything from boom boxes to [bar cabinets](#). His current traveling museum exhibition, now on view at the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas, reinvents the Japanese chanoyu tea ceremony. In the case of that tradition, of course, one can forgo a chair.



Artist Tom Sachs with a chair of his own design at his New York studio.

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