

Libraries & Media Centers

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Libraries have traditionally acted as quiet retreats, a safe space away from the hustle and bustle of classroom schedules, but the modern library is quickly becoming a collaborative technology center, where information and research are freely accessed and shared. Libraries are morphing into multi-purpose places of connection and academic hubs for community and engagement. Awareness of design will help support the evolutionary shift of the modern library into a communal learning center where students are inspired and empowered to thrive.

MooreCo designers Molly Cox and Kimberly Diaz expertly designed a library for the school district in Portsmouth, VA, that would carry the space into the future. When Molly and Kim designed the modern Portsmouth library, they followed the model of our Thrive Philosophy, which was founded on six aspects of human development. The library was planned under concepts that embodied the natural world, and they envisioned a space that had a distinct Cave, Watering Hole, and Campfire areas. In an effort to modernize the library through intentional design, the Cave would be dedicated to private thought and reflection, focusing on two aspects of our Thrive philosophy, spiritual and moral development. The Watering Hole would be a casual area where students can share information, brainstorm, and collaborate in smaller groups, prioritizing social-emotional and psychological development. The Campfire would attract larger groups for presentations and instructor-based teaching, which stimulates intellectual, physical, and social-emotional growth.

Having the opportunity to learn, grow, achieve, and find community through well-appointed design provides the foundation for lifelong fulfillment, health, and happiness. Library patrons should have all physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual, psychological, and social-emotional needs met through the library's intentional design. Let's discover each one:



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Intellectual



Through physical books or digital data, the modern library is ultimately a research center, housing all the necessary tools and information needed to succeed within arm's reach. Libraries should first and foremost cater to intellectual needs, inspiring patrons to learn in a way that best suits their natural abilities. Visual and technical design should always look forward, avoiding short-term trends, and focus on incorporating technology that endures into the future.

Physical



For students to get the most out of their time in the library, they require a level of physical ease that only restful soft seating can provide. Transform library spaces into ergonomically sound environments that bolster people's efficiency and fully support their work with long, spacious tables. Providing a variety of soft, lounge areas and sturdy seating that encourage good posture caters to a diversity of physical needs.

Psychological



Psychological and physical well-being go hand in hand, sharing the prioritization of comfort. Psychological development can evolve over the course of a lifetime, affected by the events and circumstances that begin in youth. The solution is to ensure that libraries are safe spaces where trauma, isolation, bullying, and inequity are not tolerated. Designing for a patron's emotional and mental state means creating multifunctional spaces that blend traditional structure with modern comfort.

Moral



Libraries should be welcoming, a space where everyone is valued and encouraged to engage with one another. User experience is extremely important in a library center, as everything is self-service. Being able to learn in an environment that caters to one's specific moral needs can feed the spirit in addition to the mind. Ensure library patrons know that they matter by creating a diverse range of well-designed areas that focus on accessibility and opportunity.

Spiritual



Consistency and cohesion create a unified library design that caters to our spiritual needs. Incorporating lots of natural lighting and leaning into biophilic design will build familiarity and trust in the library itself. Every piece that goes into the library design should contribute positively toward the grander aesthetic, simulating peace and harmony even down to the color scheme.

Social-Emotional



Library spaces should be designed with awareness of emotion, equipped with tools that empower patrons to recognize, regulate, and move through feeling. Social-emotional development can help reduce conflict and create a happier learning environment. Patrons should be able to learn "soft skills" through intentional library design that helps them develop leadership skills like empathy, communication, and conflict resolution.



Array Shelving

shelving & organization

While libraries are heading into a more modern iteration that centers technology, there would be no library without books. Best housed on sturdy shelving, books are and represent the freedom of information, which is part of what makes them such attractive design elements, catering to both our spiritual and intellectual needs.

Easy installation, efficient use of space, and versatile customization make Array Shelving a personalized storage solution. Array shelving collection is sturdy, flexible, and modular, perfect for lining the walls of libraries and dividing up study areas in a larger space. These bookshelves are available in stand-alone, starter, adder, ender, and mobile units, in a variety of heights and widths to make use of any library space.

Of course, we offer more than Array. Mobile, adaptable, and multifunctional, Schoolworks bookcases answer the unique performance requirements of the progressive librarian. The Schoolworks collection balances form with purpose in a fluid, rugged, and classic design. A versatile and modern storage solution for classrooms, media spaces, and libraries, Schoolworks bookcases provide flexibility and durability of materials, simple details, and emphasize functionality. Pair them with Schoolworks Ottomans for a comfy reading nook built right into the shelving.

Or choose something more structural, like Folio. Storage has never been so flexible and so sleek as when Folio bookcases stretch in rows through a school library. Folio is a comprehensive line of storage and filing pieces for libraries and archives, anywhere physical research materials are necessary. Seamlessly match existing storage with more than sixty name brand colors, and pair lateral files, bookcases, storage cabinets, wardrobes, pedestal storage, and more to create the perfect storage solution. ■



Soft Seating
Double
Bench



Array Shelving

Array Shelving

Cocoon Community Table

Soft Seating
Loveseat

Mobile Soft
Seating Stool

Soft Seating
Chair

shelving & organization

Array Bookshelves

Easy installation, efficient use of space, and versatile customization make Array your personal storage solution. Flexible and modular storage works to fit, with a variety of heights and widths to make use of any space.

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Array Starter Unit



Array Adder Unit



Array Ender Unit



Array Stand Alone Unit



Array Mobile Unit

Schoolworks Bookshelves

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Schoolworks Straight



Schoolworks Curved

Folio Bookshelves

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Folio Bookcase



Folio Storage Tower + Bookcase



Folio Wardrobe Tower + Bookcase



Avid Instructor
Desk

information & circulation desks

Information and circulation desks are the epicenter of any library, a vital hub for librarians to best complete their work and serve the community. Molly and Kim were able to design a custom circulation desk for one librarian with a private office. While storage was not a priority for this librarian, they can now access a monitor and additional resources within that space.

MooreCo is proud to offer made-to-order furniture options, including personalized information and circulation desks for any library. Intellectual development thrives on the ability to access any piece of information at any time, made possible through a dedicated library staff member behind the circulation desk.

In addition to information and circulation desks, MooreCo can build custom desks, storage, seating, whiteboards, tackboards, room dividers, and so much more, all specially designed to accommodate the needs of your library space and the design criteria of the designer or the user. From the dimensions needed to fit any space, to finishes that match your taste, to the actual shape of each furniture piece, MooreCo is prepared to do it all.

Contact your sales rep for more information on how to order custom furniture to outfit your library. ■



Array
Shelving

Double
Privacy Pod



Akt Table
42"

Cocoon
Community Table

Array
Shelving

Elate Task
Chair

Circulation Desk
(custom)

desks + custom furniture

Custom Furniture

Made to your specifications with high quality materials, MooreCo offers you the option to install bespoke furnishings, including desks, tables, information stations, visual communication products, community furniture and more in your environments. Reach out to your business development manager for more information, or visit www.moorecoinc.com/studio to submit your request.



Custom circulation desk design



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Avid Desk System + Family

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Avid Modular Desk System



Avid Instructor Desk



Avid Podium



Avid File Cabinet

Other Desk Options

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Compass Desks & Workstations



Mobile Teacher Workstation II



Elate Electric Desks



Compass Mobile Teacher Workstation



Akt Table + Cog Top

study centers

Replicating the way a cave prioritizes seclusion, the Portsmouth Cave became a space for private thought and reflection, defined by study centers that implement Akt tables and Seed chairs. In the Cave, personal space is maintained and retreat from the crowd, even the rest of the library, is guaranteed.

Akt tables and Seed chairs come in multiple shapes and sizes to create an ideal study area in any library. You may choose to group several table and chair sets into an open area or build out quiet rooms specifically designed for intensive study time in the library. Chairs that support good posture and unrestricted, generous desk space both go a long way toward meeting physical and psychological needs.

Akt tables are a reconfigurable solution designed to transform any library space into a study hall. They help students work and learn together, and adapt to any space, making them ideally suited for library study centers. With sophistication and sleek style, Akt tables can be used for individual work, collaborative spaces, or team activities in more communicative sections of the library. Akt table surface provides plenty of space for writing or planning, all on a unitized frame for improved structural strength and stability.

Study centers are where collaborative projects and individual work can co-exist within a library space, ideally balanced with Seed seating, which features a simple and sustainable design for all ages, showing an elegant silhouette with slanted curves and angular accents.

Together, the Akt collection creates seamless workstations that fully round out study centers and focus areas within libraries and works seamlessly with Seed seating, creating a space that can fit any age, any space, and any function. ■



45° Curved
Soft Seating

Akt Table + Cog Top



MediaSpace Flat
Panel Cart

MediaSpace
Table - Small

Soft Seating
Round Stool

Seed 4-Leg
Chair

tables + chairs

Akt Tables

With sophistication and sleek style, Akt tables can be used for individual work, collaborative spaces, or team activities. Akt tables are a reconfigurable solution designed for dynamic and collaborative teams. They are ideally suited for secondary learners, higher education students, and employees in the workforce.

[VIEW AKT TABLES](#)

Akt Table 29"H + Rectangular Leg



Akt Table 36"H + Round Leg



Akt Table 42"H + Butcher Block

Hierarchy Tables

Virtually endless shape, color, configuration, and accessory options are ideal for creating custom layouts simply and functionally. Designed for easy assembly and arrangement, Hierarchy Tables allow you to accommodate all ages, needs, and abilities.

[VIEW HIERARCHY TABLES](#)

12" - 18"

Hierarchy Table + Youth Height Legs



22" - 32"

Hierarchy Table + Desk Height Legs



27" - 42"

Hierarchy Table + Standing Height Legs

Akt Seating

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With sophistication and sleek style, Akt seating is an ideal addition to individual work areas or collaborative spaces. Available in chair or stool heights, with wire base, 4-leg base, 5-star base, and caster and cart options. Upholstered seat also available.



Akt Wire Base Chair



Akt 4-Leg Stool



Akt 5-Star Chair



Akt 4-Leg Caster Chair

Hierarchy Seating

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Hierarchy seating features a flexible and ergonomically shaped shell for all ages, available in multiple heights. Smooth reinforced back allows for flex action without sharp ridges. Shell available with or without arms. Upholstered seat available.



Hierarchy 4-Leg Chair



Hierarchy Rocker Chair



Hierarchy Enroll Chair



Hierarchy 5-Star Stool

Seed Seating

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Designed to grow with you, the Seed seating line fits any age, any space, and any function. The seating surface is as simple as it is sustainable. Pleasant to the touch, it is also fully recyclable. The back of the shell has a stylish, geometrical pattern reminiscent of a seed.



Seed 4-Leg Chair



Seed Cantilever Chair



Seed Enroll Chair



Seed 5-Star Stool



Double
Privacy Pod

individual learning

The Portsmouth Cave is also represented by privacy pods, bar tables along the wall, and individual lounge seats, complete with table space. Visiting the library evokes a desire for cozy and private solitary or one-on-one time. Students need a place to study, collaborate with peers, or recharge alone, uninhibited by distractions and with plenty of desk space. While collaborative tables and reading nooks are important, individual privacy pods, like the ones in the Cave, can be a refuge within a refuge, tapping into that psychological need for privacy by providing an extra layer of cover.

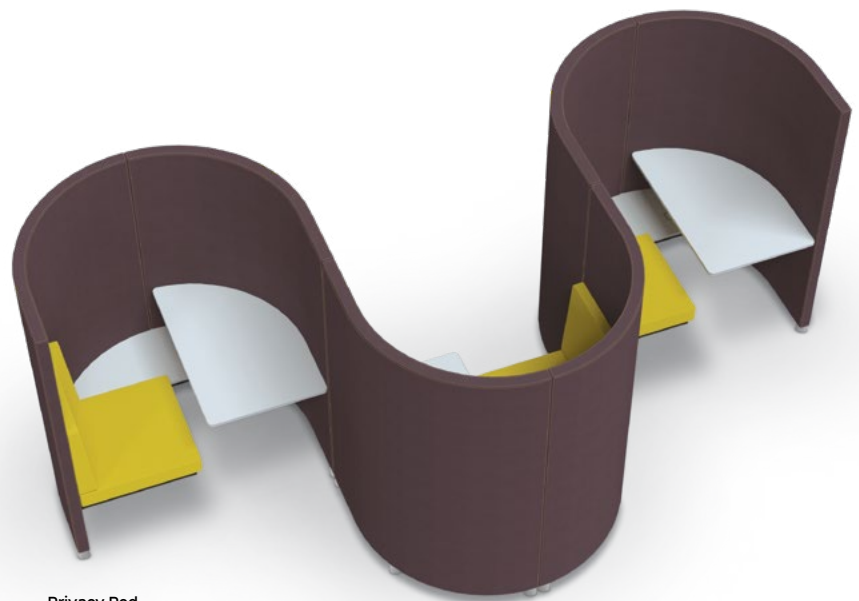
Outfitting the Portsmouth Cave with Privacy Pods created a comfortable solution for distraction-free collaboration or planning. The Double Privacy Pod features a built-in work surface to provide ample space for a laptop and side table storage for a bag, backpack, or other belongings. Two seats provide space for one-on-one meetings, conversations, and collaboration with no outside distractions, thanks to the built-in noise shield. Upholstered for sound-dampening, the curved wall shape is designed to reduce noise, simulating a quiet workspace.

Designed to allow multiple pods to be arranged in many configurations, Privacy Pods easily fit any space or nook, or create one out of thin air! Both short and tall privacy wall options are available, and optional integrated electrical outlets keep your devices powered, charged, and ready to go. Reading, researching, or getting some work done has never felt so romanticized as with a Privacy Pod, which acts as a personalized little office space for any user. The upholstery is available in a variety of fabric combinations through our graded-in program, which means you can easily match the Privacy Pod to any library theme or color scheme. ■

[VIEW PRIVACY PODS](#)



Double
Privacy Pod



Privacy Pod





Akt 42"
Table

access to technology

Centering the use of technology, the Watering Hole in the Portsmouth library was designed as a casual space where students can share information, brainstorm, and work in smaller groups. Libraries are swiftly evolving into technology hubs to keep up with the modern world, meeting the moral need for accessibility and opportunity. While libraries are typically associated with books, they are truly a place where information and research can be shared freely. Some of the most advanced libraries around the world are implementing “maker space” rooms, complete with 3D printers, recording studios, and play areas, where students are encouraged to use technology to create, make, and do. The Helsinki Central Library, dubbed Oodi, meaning “ode”, in Finland, has dedicated only a third of its massive 185,774-square-foot space to books, allowing the library to embrace emerging technology and create new opportunities to access literature.

Akt Tables can be used to create neat, accessible technology centers within library spaces. Their wide tabletops allow plenty of room for multiple students to gather and work together or in solace on laptops or desktop computers. Akt Tables can be configured in rows, back-to-back, or along the walls to give students and library attendees a place to access the internet and other technology.

Technology centers need suitable desk space to handle multiple computers, which is what makes Akt Tables a great addition to modern library design. Akt Tables come in multiple heights to give the option to sit, stand, or perch on stools while working, which is proven to increase blood flow, focus, and attention span. The two taller sizes include an integrated footrest to maintain leg stability during all-day use. The angled legs include casters, so tables can be easily wheeled around the room to create different configurations, so technology use is accessible throughout the library. ■



Mobile Soft
Seating Stool



Akt 42"
Table



Cocoon
Community Table

community spaces

Molly and Kim were insistent that space must be made for large gatherings within the Portsmouth library, an area where opportunity flourishes and big ideas are discovered. Thanks to inclusion of the Campfire, large groups can gather at Cocoon Community Tables, paired with bar-height soft seating stools, for teacher or expert-lead presentations, lectures, and talks. The Campfire was meant to provide an area for library patrons to focus on an instructor, whether that be a high school presentation, a teacher development seminar, or a talk from a professional presenter.

Natural communication and inclusivity flows with shared table spaces in more conversational sections of a library. Collaboration is more organic when users are seated near each other in a space that allows everyone to be included, feeding spiritual needs and helping cultivate social-emotional development. Cocoon Community Tables are well-suited for group projects, solo work, or even just being in the same space as others who are reading, studying, or working, intended to create that communal Campfire feel.

Inspired by modern learning philosophies, Cocoon soft seating has a curved design to create an inviting and welcoming collaboration and discussion space. A perfect solution for flexible socializing, meeting, and relaxing, Cocoon fits in-between spaces with ample seating capacity and configurability. Low or high laminate surfaces provide generous workspace around the outer edge. Soft seating creates cozy and comfortable seating along the inside. Fully upholstered soft seating benches available with or without backrest for extra comfort. Stadium seating capacity increases line-of-sight, allowing optimum viewing ability for everyone. ■



Privacy Pod



Cocoon
Community
Table

Array
Shelving

Mobile Soft
Seating Stool

community furniture

Cocoon Community Tables

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Natural communication and inclusivity flows with shared table spaces and the Cocoon Community Table fosters sharing. Conversation is more natural and organic when users are seated in close proximity to each other in a space that allows everyone to be included.



Cocoon Community Table 29"H + Bench



Cocoon Community Table 36"H



Cocoon Community Table 42"H

Technology Support

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From mobile and wall mounted flat panel mounts, to accessories you can add a la cart or as a custom built-in option, we offer a variety of ways to keep technology and remote communication at your finger tips.



MediaSpace Flat Panel Cart



Clamp Mount Outlet & USB Charger



iTeach® Flat Panel Wall Mount

Cocoon Curved Seating

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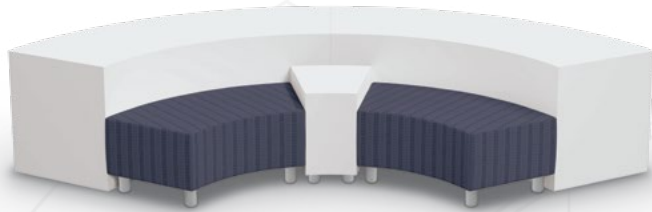


Cocoon Media Space

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Cozy and insular, a cocoon is a space where powerful change takes place. The Cocoon Media Space is an upscale solution combining technology and functionality, with versatile and independent seating, ideal for situations that require thinking outside the box.





Cocoon Configuration

media centered spaces

Molly and Kim designed The Watering Hole at the Portsmouth library to bring small groups of people together. The Watering Hole is represented by smaller collaborative areas, bringing in Cocoon Community Tables for individual work that shares space with peers. Grouped lounge seating and Media Space tables create space for casual idea sharing, connection, and community. Technology use can come in handy for casting small group presentation and think tanks among peers.

More than just a space to borrow books, modern library furniture should empower patrons to collaborate and connect with one another, strengthening social-emotional development. Libraries are welcoming, open spaces, where teams, peers, and even remote workers feel invited to participate. Media spaces are essential to incorporate in futuristic libraries, where research, academia, and conversation can simultaneously happen in the digital sphere and in person.

Cozy and insular, a cocoon is a space where powerful transformation takes place. The Cocoon Media Space takes that concept and applies it to the evolution of the modern library. This upscale solution combines technology and functionality with versatile and independent seating, ideal for situations that require communication with remote team members or use of the digital display.

For students and collaborative learners, the Cocoon Media Space provides the closeness that allows for group thinking, as well as the expansiveness required for big ideas. Hybrid learning and integrative educational experiences can take place at the Cocoon Media Space, easily configurable into any library space.

A stylish addition to any multimedia configuration, the MediaSpace Flat Panel Cart has an attractive and modern appeal with flexible technological support. The sleek and stylish MediaSpace Flat Panel Cart provides safe and easy flat panel mobility while adding modern utility to any multimedia environment within the library. ■



Seed
Cantilever
Stool



iTeach® Spider
Flat Panel Cart

Cocoon
Curved Unit

Cocoon
Bench



45° Outside
Chair

casual and configurable seating

The Portsmouth library was designed to accommodate flexible seating wherever patrons wanted to explore. Casual mobile seating was implemented, intended to facilitate group interactions by providing additional seating whenever necessary. Molly and Kim knew that group sizes can vary, and it is important to incorporate flexible, mobile seating that can be moved anywhere around the room for multi-purpose use.

Soft seating creates a welcoming and comfortable environment by establishing islands of quiet and calm in the library, where creativity, collaboration, and socialization can flow naturally. Adding flexible seating that can be moved around to browse stacks and explore the library increases the user's sensory experience, shown to improve calmness, focus, and reduce tension. Allowing patrons to create their own relaxing space anywhere in the library fosters positive attitudes, encourages learning, and meets physical comfort.

Among some of the soft, mobile pieces used in the Portsmouth library design, Akt Lounge Ottoman and Blossom soft seating are vibrant additions to any library space, adding comfortable, mobile, and configurable seating that can be rearranged at will. Other soft seating ottomans available include the Elevate Wind Ottoman, which works together to configure in multiple arrangements. Variable Height Ottomans are ideal for finding coordinating pieces that configure in circular, straight, or serpentine arrangements. All ottomans can be easily moved around the library where needed, allowing users to browse stacks in total comfort or create their own quiet reading nook. ■



45° Inside
Chair

45° Bench



45° Bench

soft seating & lounge furniture

Modular Soft Seating

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Soft seating creates a welcoming and comfortable environment by establishing islands of quiet and calm where creativity, collaboration, and socialization can flow naturally. Modular pieces work together or independently to create the set ups that work for you. Add or remove arms, shelves, table tops, mobility packages, power options and more.



Akt Soft Seating

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Designed to be inviting, comfortable, and easy to clean, Akt soft seating is the perfect addition to your common and public spaces. Cozy pieces are perfect for individual work and relaxation, private collaboration, or team activities.



Orbit® Media Space Soft Seating

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Orbit media space soft seating creates a multitude of options for establishing privacy in your collaboration areas, multimedia spaces, and meeting centers. Soft seating creates a welcoming and comfortable environment by establishing islands of quiet and calm.



Shapes & Pods

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Shape and pod soft seating creates a multitude of spaces for establishing privacy, collaboration, or relaxation. Designed to be used by themselves or divided into groups of three, four, or more, these functional and versatile pieces will get tons of use.



Beanies by MooreCo

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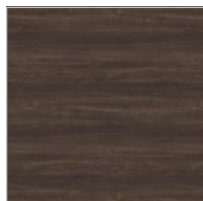
Find a cozy pod to recharge during the day with Beanies by MooreCo. Adding flexible seating to your spaces improves calmness, focus, and reduces tension. By creating space where humans of all ages can relax, you foster positive attitudes and encourage learning.



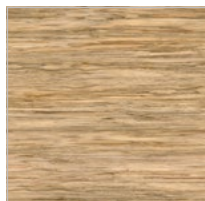
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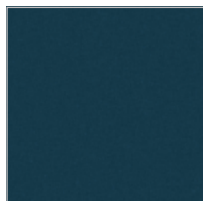
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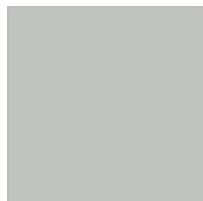
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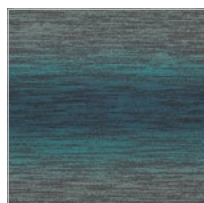
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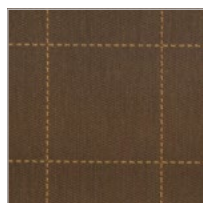
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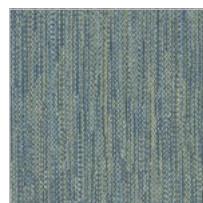
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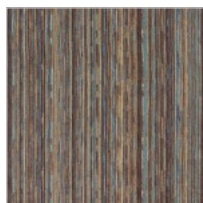
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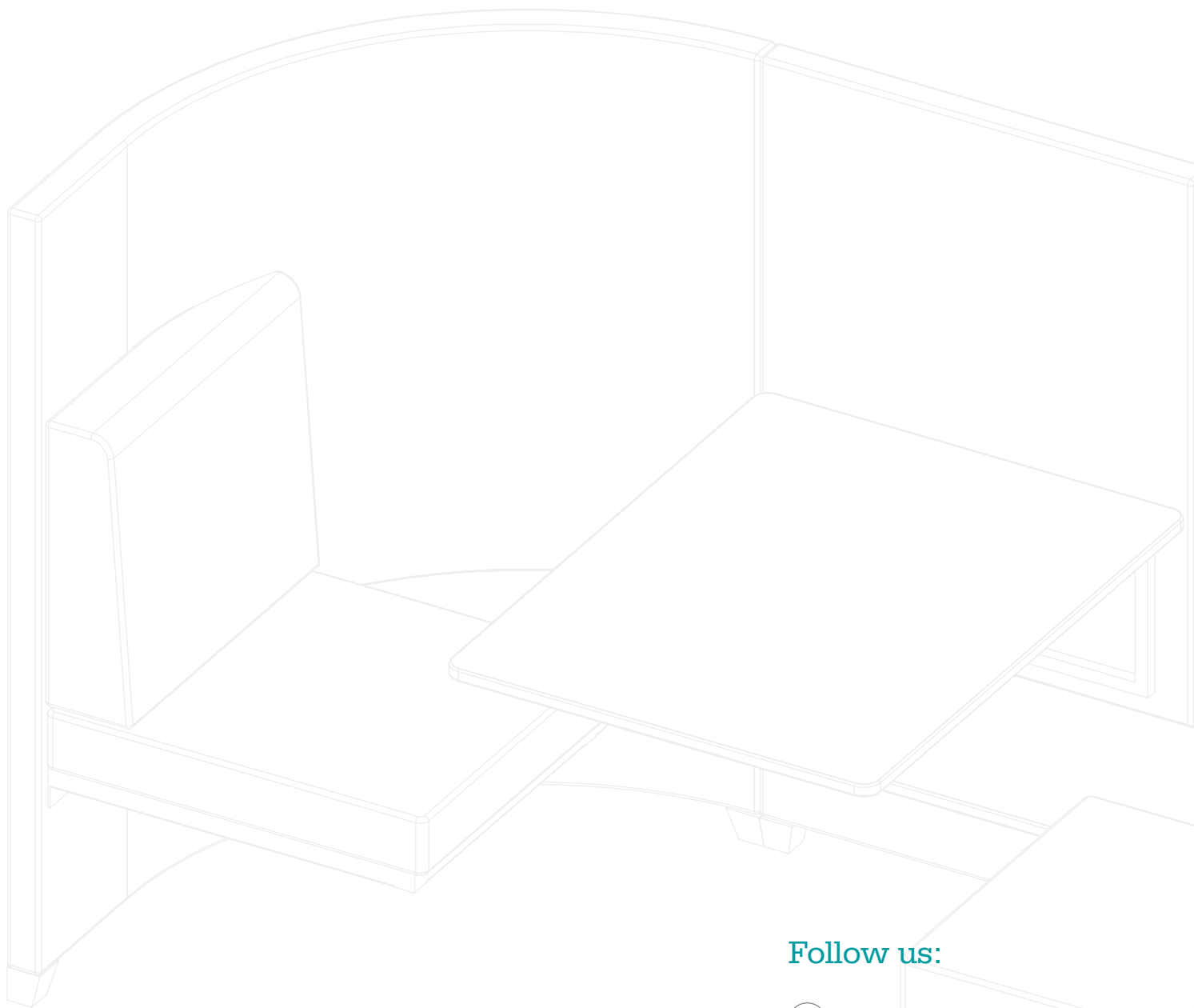
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Soho Sapling



Smart Soft Kiwi



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