

Basic Detail Report



"Hammer Handle" Chair

Date

c. 1950

Primary Maker

Wharton Esherick

Materials

Hickory with rawhide seats

Description

Two chairs with wooden frames, made from wood initially made as commercial hammer handles, and rawhide seats. Each simple chair back is formed from a single horizontal broad piece of wood, supported by two thin spindles attached to the legs. The seat consists of four legs, each connected by an additional horizontal piece. None of the frame pieces sit at right angles to each other. The legs, stretchers, and stiles are smooth yet have uneven diameters, because they are hammer handles.

Dimensions

30 3/4 x 20 x 19 1/2 in. (78.1 x 50.8 x 49.5 cm)