

Kreuzzargenstuhl Max Bill, 1951 WB Form AG, CH

The wood furniture designed by the architect, graphic designer, and artist Max Bill (1908–1994) is exemplary of what the promoter of *Gute Form* understood as design quality. Both his Cross-Frame and Three-Legged chairs, as well as his Square-Round and Three-Circles tables, are distinguished by a sparing use of materials and design means. At the same time, the furniture meets the highest functional and aesthetic demands. The two-tone Cross-Frame Chair shows particularly impressively the architect's intention to make a seat seem to float. Due to the elimination of a surrounding frame—which is replaced by a sturdy cross-frame construction that is invisible at eye level—the organically shaped chair appears much lighter than traditional restaurant chairs enclosed by their frame. And yet, despite this design innovation, the Cross-Frame Chair, light both in look and weight, fits well into nearly any interior.

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