

C h i l d s p l y : the brief issued to the designers

“ children’s furniture looks the way adults think children imagine it should look “

The design of infant’s furniture raises a host of different criteria to those considerations necessary in the design of adult’s furniture. Miniaturization is not the solution to the difficulties of scaling down for young human beings. Children need to be stimulated by their interior environment. Tactility, form and flexibility of function may be considered essential in this sphere of design. Growth by imagination means their furniture should hold a great educational value.

Aim:

To design a piece of children’s furniture to be produced, exhibited and sold by closed bid, with proceeds donated to The Children’s Hope Foundation.

Brief:

To provide a design for an item of furniture suitable for the requirements of a child aged between one and six years of age.

The designs will be manufactured by Windmill Furniture, makers of the Isokon Furniture range.

Materials / Specifications:

One sheet of “8x4” Finnish birch-faced 6, 9 or 12mm plywood.

Standard fixings as required.

No moulding of the wood is permitted, though bending without the use of equipment/machinery is allowed.

The sheets will be CNC machined.