



## Kiki Side Table

Designer: **Ilmari Tapiovaara**

Manufacturer: **Artek**

£743

## DESCRIPTION

**Kiki Side Table** by **Ilmari Tapiovaara** for **Artek**.

Tapiovaara wanted to design inexpensive furniture for a broader audience. He made use of materials that were readily available in Finland in the 1940s, such as solid birch. During the 1950s, he began to develop multipurpose chairs made of steel tubing and plywood.

Ilmari Tapiovaara designed Kiki in 1960. It was originally conceived as a chair whose stackability allowed it to be used to seat large groups. In the Kiki series, Tapiovaara employed a more clean-cut design idiom instead of the more organic style he had favoured previously. Instead of wood, he chose oval steel tubing as the structural and unifying element of the whole Kiki collection.

Kiki was a success, establishing the current direction for furniture design at this time. Kiki's timeless and elegant design aesthetic has made it one of the most popular pieces of public furniture in Finland.

## DIMENSIONS

60w x 60d x 42cmh

## MATERIALS

Black painted steel frame with a black laminate top.

## HELP / ADVICE

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