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Made for a School, but Fit for a Home

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When Danish schools need new furniture, they usually procure it from well-known Danish designers. Administrators at the University of Copenhagen fully intended to follow that tradition, but after looking around, they kept coming back to examples by the French brothers Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec. Hay, the designated Danish manufacturer, suggested the obvious: contacting the Bouroullecs directly to produce a collection.

“It was good to do something for students, not bourgeois people,” Ronan Bouroullec said. Nonetheless, the pieces will fit easily into nonstudious homes. The chair is made from molded plywood and solid oak or beech in two parts. The small gap between the parts makes it possible for the chairs to stack perfectly with no tilted angles. The project includes tables (the slit opening simplifies cable management) and a bar stool.

The line will be available to the public in spring 2013, with prices starting around \$255. Information: (011) 45-4282-0282 or hay.dk.