



Rolo Collection

The Rolo Collection is an ensemble of Lounge Seating and Tables with pillowy cushions, curvilinear arms and simple wood frames that combine to provide commercial quality with residential character.

Product Story

How can lounge furnishings influence the feeling of an environment? Rolo began with this inquiry, and was conceived to evoke feelings such as relaxation, calm, and comfort. With these goals in mind, Studio Tolvanen's development of Rolo started with the interior pillow - an object that conveyed these feelings - and emerged from the inside out. Curved arms and soft cushions are the essence of the Rolo Collection, both of which were informed by the nature of pillows.

Designer Story

Studio Tolvanen is the product design office of Mika & Julie Tolvanen. They design products for residential and contract use from their studio and workshop on Lauttasaari island in Helsinki. Mika is a Finnish designer who started his own practice after graduating from Royal College of Art in 2001, and Julie is an American designer who worked 10 years as a woodworker before moving to Finland in 2009. Julie and Mika don't have a dogma or ism. They believe good design starts from function (because products are for use), but at the same time that any new product they design should have its own individual character. An object might be complex in its variety of functions, but it shouldn't be complicated looking. Further, they aim to make their designs fresh and beautiful, but also self-explanatory, understandable, and quiet (never shouting).

Residential Character / Contract Quality

Rolo's pillowy soft character is designed to bring desirable residential qualities to any application and its robust commercial construction was developed to allow for a long-life, a commercial grade warranty, and industry test compliance.

Biophilic Benefits

Biophilia focuses on human's innate attraction to nature. Rolo's expression of wood grain and rhythmic repetition of form is meant to connote the natural world, allowing for a human connection through materials and form

Feeling-Driven

Rolo is first and foremost about achieving an environmental feeling; one that emotionally inspires calm and relaxation and physically provides comfort and support.

Detached System

Rolo's dimensions and elements have the characteristics of a system, but the flexibility of free-standing product. Aligned heights, shared parts, and modular cushions provide systemic qualities. Independent structure and casual side by side (vs attached) placement however allow freedom of movement and opportunity for easy reconfiguration.

Tray Tables

In recognition that plants and greenery are often used within lounge settings, Rolo's slat built tables take on tray-like, porous qualities to allow them to serve conventional needs while also providing a natural landing place for plants, planters, and pots.