

Stack it

This year has seen a whole host of multiple-use stacking chair releases. Gone are tired notions of dull chair towers pushed against canteen walls – replaced with bold new designs that encourage freedom for the designer and use in a variety of workspaces. Many manufacturers are also providing accompanying design apps so that clients can select between the various colour and finish options available.

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LessThanFive →

The Coalesse Design Group and Michael Young created this innovative stacking chair that is made entirely of carbon fibre. The material's strength and lightness mean it can support a variety of users yet it weighs less than 5lb (2.2kg) – hence the name. It's manufactured as a single piece and has a slim profile and sleek finish.



Milà →

Working with Magis, pioneer in gas injection-moulding, the Spanish artist-designer Jaime Hayon has created an expressive chair in plastic. This stacking chair with arms is not only practical but it's full of movement and based on the forms of Catalan modernism.



Keyn Cantilever →

Herman Miller teamed up with Forpeople to create the Keyn Chair Group. The Keyn Cantilever chairs offer natural comfort to support people as they move, as well as providing a strong visual appeal. When the user sits upright, Keyn chairs provide comfort through the sculpted back that remains in contact with the spine.



Canteen Utility ↑

The Canteen Utility Chair from Very Good & Proper (VG&P), is available in beech or oak, with a variety of colour options for the frame, and now has the option of leather upholstery. Inspired by the classic post-war British school chair, it is lightweight and stackable. The bent tubular steel frame is a continuous piece.

Dome 260 →

Dome 260 is a member of Odo Fioravanti's Dome collection for Pedrali, inspired by the curved silhouette of traditional bistro chairs. Details of the injected polypropylene recall solid wood joints. The chair is available in white, beige, yellow, red, black and anthracite grey.



Catifa 46 Sled ↑

The Catifa 46 stacking chair is another product that plays with colour options. Arper is celebrating its enduring Catifa family, designed by Lievore Altherr Molina in 2004 for contract and big space use. The 2016 designs allow for bicolour customisation and a new soft palette is available in rose, petrol, yellow, ivory and smoke.



Maestro ↓

The Maestro chair from KI Europe is lightweight and resilient. Stackable to 38 high on a transport dolly, it is frequently specified for large halls and assembly areas. An optional, removable tablet arm can be added for space-efficient educational spaces. The chair's polypropylene seat shell is available in 20 standard colours.



Belleville Chair ←

Belleville is the Paris neighbourhood where designers Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec have their studio. Their Belleville Chair for Vitra, inspired by the bistro furnishings of the quarter, teams classic style with technical sophistication. Its surface comes in coloured polypropylene, moulded plywood veneer or with a cover in leather or fabric.