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Dark Side of the Moon

Superhero-inspired or not, the Half Moon is leading the pack for a new generation of chairs

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No, Louis Saul's latest design wasn't inspired by Batman, and it doesn't come complete with a "Robin" side table. The German designer's Half Moon Chair, featured as the center of the Dodolivin booth at the International Furnishing Show in Cologne, Germany, was inspired by some a little more powerful. "It was a wonderful moon in the western part of Turkey, sickle shaped of course," Saul says. "The idea of the design came late summer of 2007, and the form was in my head immediately and on paper only a few hours later."

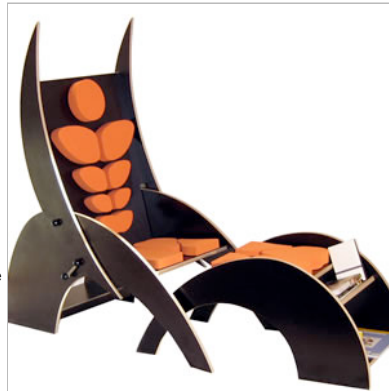


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Saul's orange and black reading chair features a body made from a composite of wood and orange sponge. "Not too many people are using it in modern design," he says. Part of the new generation of wing chairs, the Half Moon Chair is meant for comfortable reading but was designed not to lead to sleep. "The form of the upholstery was probably inspired by a security piece that I wear in summertime a lot," he says. "It is a protector for my back because I like to ride motorbikes."

For Saul, the best feature is "of course the book shelves. It's always good to have a good book right next to you."

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