

Alcove Sofa

Design: Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec

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It is a basic human instinct to seek shelter. We are drawn to the nest and, even at home, seek out our secure retreats. One of those retreats is inevitably the sofa and most aspects of life happen in, on and around it. It is one object for sleeping, lounging, eating, reading, entertaining, playing, discussing, romancing, napping, arguing, listening, wrestling, studying, viewing... and living in.



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A sofa is both a social and a security zone. It is an environment on its own: a room inside a room, inside a home. With this notion in mind, Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec designed the Alcove Sofa inspired by the Arabic "al-qubba", a secluded, upholstered niche designed for lounging and sleeping. Like it's ancient forbearer, the Alcove Sofa creates an intense sense of intimacy and enclosure, a feeling of escape from the chaos of the outside world. You don't sit on an Alcove Sofa, you retreat into it. It is tall and deep and remarkably soft. Lay back, tuck up your feet, and you're in another safer, warmer, more private world.





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The Alcove Sofa is subtle and refined. It is uncommonly tall which creates a dramatic sense of enclosure and privacy. The padded side and back panels have a pronounced sound dampening effect. The acoustic reduction adds to the sense of privacy and protection. With its own spatial ambiance, Alcove Sofa becomes a place of tranquility.



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With its exceptionally soft seat and back cushions, the Alcove Sofa invites you to sink deeply into it. The slender back and side panels create a responsive flexibility that can be increased by lowering the zippers at the corner seams. Multiple small back and armrest cushions maximize comfort.

The elegant structure lends a feeling of elevation and delicacy, while avoiding the massive presence of so many sofas. The side and back panels are tall but extremely thin yielding a lightness despite its height.



Designed for office settings, the Alcove Highback creates a special space for concentration and refuge. When two Alcove Highbacks are placed facing one another they form a small meeting area. Alcove Highback is approx. 40 cm higher than a standard Alcove Sofa.





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Alcove Sofa (incl. 2 backrest cushions)

Laser 940 × 2370 × 840 mm

Panamone 940 × 2370 × 840 mm

Intreccio 940 × 2370 × 840 mm

Materials

chromed tubular steel, metal frame with belt upholstery, panels made of fibreglass-reinforced plastic, seat cushioning: polyurethane foam and polyester wool, set of cushions and backrest cushioning: filled with microfibres.

Dimensions

Alcove Sofa



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100% polyester Trevira CS



01 red



02 warm grey



03 dark brown



04 anthracite



05 black

Fabric Panamone

100% cotton



01 cream



02 moss grey



03 dark brown



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