

How to make a ring



The **Paper Basket** was designed for Aarhus townhall. Wegner was assigned by Arne Jacobsen to design all of the interiors for this prestigious project. This resulted in many interesting chairs and desks some of which were only produced for the project.

The idea of the **Paper Basket** is quite simple. A solid base connected to the top ring by fourteen vertical slats. All components are made of solid wood.

The top ring is particularly interesting as the original drawing for the **Paper Basket** shows a laminated circular construction. A principle similar to that implemented more than forty years later in the production of the **Circle Chair**.

However, the **Paper Baskets** made for Aarhus townhall did not make use of this construction. Instead they were made of several sections of solid wood joined together.

This controversy between the drawing and the products realised from it is a testimony to the complex challenges of such a laminated ring construction. A challenge we finally overcame with the making of the **Circle Chair** in 1986.

Paper Basket

Design: Hans J. Wegner, 1943

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The top ring is made of just one piece of solid wood. By pre-compression it completes a full circular bend joining itself end to end in a near tangential cut.

pp40 comes in soap treated oak or ash.

