



Star spotting

ANDREA WARBURTON, FROM LIBERTY, HIGHLIGHTS OLIVIA SCOTT-TAYLOR



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Olivia Scott-Taylor's chairs take inspiration from the classic mid-century laminated ply and tube steel British school chair.

The chair comes in 19 variations, £165 each. The company is the vision of mother and daughter design duo Lesley Scott and Olivia Scott-Taylor.

Scott restyled an original mid-century chair for her kitchen and Scott-Taylor had the idea of designing and manufacturing their own chair in order to retain the classic retro look.

Liberty's Andrea Warburton.



Liberty, the fine London emporium of quality products for fashion, home and beauty, hosts an annual 'Best of British Open Call' to draw designers, makers and craft artisans to showcase their products to the buyers at the store, with the potential of securing a retail relationship. Andrea Warburton, home buyer for gift and furniture at Liberty, is one of the key members of staff who participates. Here, she has chosen to highlight Olivia Scott-Taylor, from the most recent in-store event, as her rising star. She reveals, "We love Olivia's design, which is based on the mid-century, British school chair, retaining the classic retro look and functional style of the original, but built to suit modern dining requirements. The chair caught our attention when it was brought to the Open Call, presented in a branded hessian sack, sealed with a large ribbon at the top. This was such an original idea and it made the chair feel even more special when it was revealed. The range is entirely British designed and manufactured, which is a big selling point for us. The design, along with the brand, was an instant hit!" Warburton goes on to comment, "We are always on the lookout for cutting-edge products here at Liberty, and this chair is bang on trend with its mid-20th-century, utilitarian design, whilst the colour bands on the backrests give the range a subtle flair. The design can be customised with colours to suit evolving trends. Great price, exclusivity and a product that is sure to stand the test of time."

oliviascott-taylor.com; liberty.co.uk