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Chair as artwork

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A new kit for a recyclable cardboard kid's chair pays homage to the inventor's 6-year-old daughter's name as well as to her craftiness.

Architect Michael Gross, of Edina, says he got the idea to turn his corrugated Elia Mini-Chair into an activity kit once he saw how his daughter was engaged in decorating, redecorating and drawing on her own versions. Gross said his chair is designed to support up to 200 pounds; it is fully recyclable and is made of as much as 80 percent post-consumer recycled content. Brown on one side and white on the other, the cardboard can be assembled with the reverse side showing for a new "blank canvas"; it folds flat for storage. Each \$29.99 kit comes with four scored and cut cardboard pieces, two chopsticks and six 12-inch-square sticker sheets. By 12BY12 Design; available at B  b   Babble, Creative Kidstuff and the Walker Art Center gift shop. (It also can be purchased at www.eliafun.com, where the directionally challenged will find an easily followed video on putting the pieces together.)

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