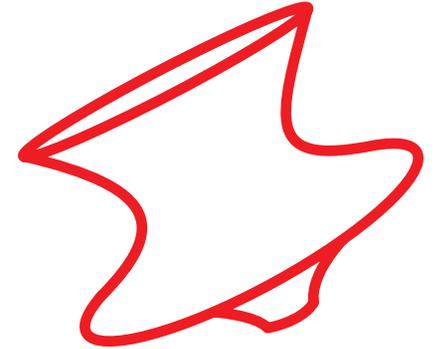
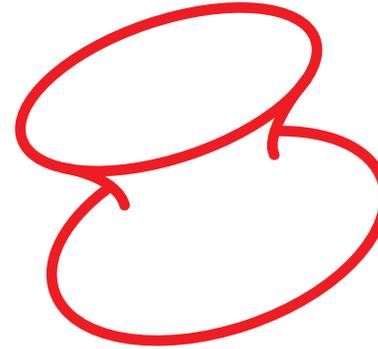
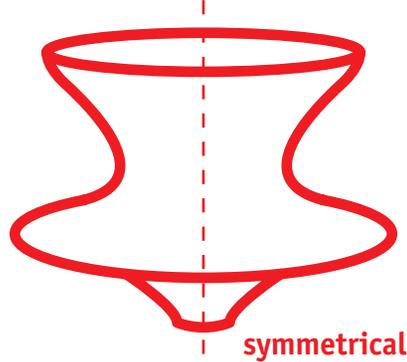
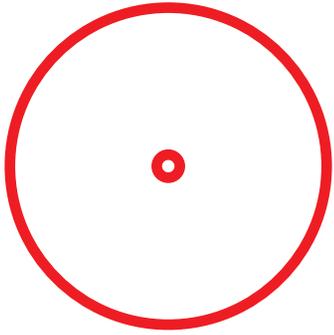


THOMAS HEATHERWICK'S SPUN CHAIR



FAST FACTS

Design

Thomas Heatherwick
(b. 1970, London)

First Introduced

2010, at the Salone del Mobile
in Milan, Italy

Construction

Rotational-molded
polyethylene—in other words,
a type of plastic that is poured
into a mold, melted, and spun
around by a machine

Weight

About 30 pounds



Symmetrical means that if the
object were cut in half, both
sides would match.

THOMAS HEATHERWICK

Heatherwick spent his childhood
making things and taking things
apart, like typewriters and
cameras. After studying art and
design he opened his own studio
in 1994. It now has a team of
over 250 architects, designers,
and makers—or, as he calls
them, “problem solvers.”

Heatherwick’s design process
begins by asking a question,
then attempting to solve it. His
design of the Spun Chair started
with these questions: Can a
symmetrical object that spins
also be a chair? If so, would it
be comfortable to sit in?

*Do you think Heatherwick
succeeded in creating a
comfortable chair that spins?*

ACTIVITIES TO TRY

Solo

While taking a spin, see how
many things you notice in the
world above you. Call them out
as you find them!

Duo

Pick a pose to spin in while
your partner watches, then
have your partner mirror the
pose. Now switch!

Group

A sculpture, a chair, or both?
Cast your votes on paper to
find out which opinion got the
most votes.

NOTE ABOUT SAFETY

The Spun Chair is designed for
one person to sit in at a time.

While spinning, make sure your
friends are a safe distance away.

Spin with care. If you spin too
fast, the chair might tip over.

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