



Interior architect Alf Sture, born on 30 September 1915, began his professional career with carpenters Hiorth & Østlyngen in 1940. Twenty years later, in January 1960, he designed his first collection for Tønning, a range of bedroom furniture. He continued developing new designs for Tønning in the 1970s and beyond, many of which have received prestigious awards in Norway.

In 1990, Sture was awarded the Norwegian King's Medal of Merit in gold as well as Norsk Form's special award for excellence. Over the years, his designs have been showcased at numerous exhibitions and fairs, both in Norway and abroad. The Museum of Decorative Arts and Design in Oslo started purchasing his pieces in 1943.

Sture took great pride in his close relationship with clients and created a wide range of furniture throughout his career using different materials, colours and fabrics. The furniture, he said, was to function as intended. He focused particularly on anatomical requirements as well as creating pieces that could help shape an environment of safety and warmth. He wanted his furniture to appeal to people as something familiar and dear.

Alf Sture passed away on 26 August 2000, leaving an incredible mark on the Norwegian furniture industry.

Tønning Furniture Factory AS

Surrounded by stunning glaciers and towering mountains, Tønning Furniture Factory AS, is located in the picturesque town of Stryn on Norway's west coast. The company, which was established in 1946, manufacture high quality pieces of furniture, many of which are designed by Alf Sture. Sture began his collaboration with Tønning in 1960, a partnership that lasted until his death in 2000 and resulted in a total of 120 models. Today, even Sture's earlier designs from 1940, 1946 and 1951 are in production by Tønning proving the timelessness of his designs. The furniture is produced using traditional handcrafts together with modern machinery and equipment. A variety of woods and colours ensure almost unlimited possibilities and the end results are pieces that will grow old with dignity.

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Ola Windsor chair



Chair 1036 in solid oak with woven seat/back in paper lace.