# ML10097 | Egyptian Table - Design: Mogens Lassen



#### **DESCRIPTION**

The elegant Egyptian Table easily collapses for storage with the release of a small brass sliding latch beneath the tabletop - a flexible design that exemplifies the functionalism inherent in classic furniture types. For Lassen and his contemporaries, function was paramount. Their approach - strongly influenced by Kaare Klint - often began with the careful study and refinement of long-existing archetypes such as safari-style knockdown chairs, British Windsor and Chippendale chairs, and flexible, practical tables like the Egyptian Table.

These clear, proven furniture types appealed to mid-century design and architecture visionaries, upholding their core belief that intelligent, purposeful design never goes out of style.

The base is crafted from solid wood and features a veneered table top.

#### THE DESIGNER

Having trained as a bricklayer in 1919-23, Mogens Lassen was admitted to the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts' School of Architecture, but also trained at a number of drawing offices with, among others, Danish architect Tyge Hvass in 1925-34.

A trip to Paris in 1927-28 sparked Lassen's interest in Le Corbusier's ideas about the home as a tool for a freer lifestyle. Introducing mezzanine floors in high-ceilinged rooms, for example, offered one way to free the home from the constraints of habitual thinking.

Applying a similar, experimental approach, Lassen designed homes where both function as well as the daylight flooding in through the windows shaped the rooms, and where outdoor spaces were just as carefully designed as the interiors.

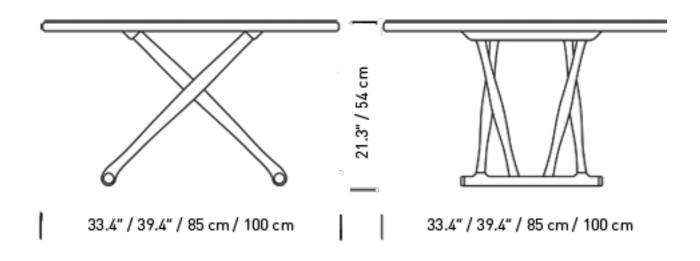
As an architect for "The Permanent Exhibition of Danish Applied Arts and Industrial Design" in Copenhagen in 1939-67, Mogens Lassen was behind a number of exhibitions whose style of presentation helped Danish applied art win international recognition.

In addition to his many projects, villas, high-rise buildings, sports complexes and shop interiors, he designed furniture, furnishings and furnishing accessories.

Even if his steel furniture pieces from the 1930s are original examples of the innovations of international modernism, it is, above all, his pieces of simple, functional wooden furniture, like his folding Egyptian coffee table, that have gone on to become furniture classics.

In 1971, Mogens Lassen was awarded the C.F. Hansen Medal

## **VARIANTS CHOICES AND DIMENSIONS**



## **MATERIAL MATRIX**

	Oil	White oil	Lacquer
Oak	•	•	•
Walnut	•		•

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

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