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Are Comfortable Chairs Worth the Blobbiness?

As armchairs return to the puffy, broad-beamed styles of the 1970s and '80s, interior designers debate whether these soothing seats are antithetical to an elegant room



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...SH In the 1990s sitcom 'Frasier', the design-minded title character detested the lumpy mechanical chair his father adored.

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By Yelena Moroz Alpert

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Los Angeles fashion designer turned furniture maker Sam Klemick admits that before she could appreciate the appeal of the poofy Big Nap chair she created, even she had to live with it a while. The ecru canvas chair for Otherside Objects, inspired by Maison Martin Margiela's 1999 Duvet coat, might look like a comforter draped over a seat frame, its conical legs almost comically detailed with prominent fabric ties, but Ms. Klemick believes people are prioritizing comfort these days: "We need levity and joy and a soft place to land when we get home."

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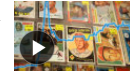


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