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IKEA HACKED – A new exhibition at IKEA Museum in Älmhult

Art and design pieces – all made of IKEA items? On 28 April IKEA Museum in Älmhult opens the door on the new exhibition *IKEA Hacked: Our Products. Your Ideas*. It will transform the museum into a forum for inspiration, imagination, creativity and idea sharing for all ages. The exhibition consists of IKEA products hacked by 30 artists and designers worldwide.

The phenomenon of hacking, altering and remaking IKEA items could be anything from changing the legs on a KLIPPAN sofa, to painting a LACK table or creating a detailed tailored dress from FRAKTA bags. Hacking today is virtually a lifestyle, where individuals create a specific emotional bond to something that they have built and re-built by themselves.

“At IKEA Museum, we are curious and want to explore what’s happening around us and why. The phenomenon of hacking IKEA items has attracted a lot of interest worldwide with enthusiasts spanning all ages, nationalities and backgrounds. We feel this is really interesting to capture in an exhibition, where the focus is on your ideas,” says Camilla Junger, Exhibition Team Leader at IKEA Museum.

More than 30 artists and designers from all over the world have been invited to present their take on hacking IKEA products. Several of them are internationally renowned, and most of them are being presented in Sweden for the first time. The exhibition will also include visiting artists-in-residence who will do live hacking in the museum, showing how they use IKEA products as a starting point and raw material for their work, and will explore the future of hacking.

The exhibition will display a wide range of art and design pieces made from IKEA products, ranging from the “pencil chair” made out of 6,971 short pencils from the IKEA store and a sculpture made of 63 JANINGE chairs stacked on top of each other, to the interactive light table where visitors can create a lamp in one minute using IKEA items.

An extensive programme of lectures and workshops looking at the different aspects of hacking will run during the exhibition period. And visitors of all ages will have an opportunity to unleash their creativity.

“Visitors will have a chance to create their own hacks that could end up in the exhibition, or even inspire future IKEA collections. We would like to spark our visitors’ creativity by giving them the opportunity to make their own interactive hacks,” say Anna Sandberg Falk and Annemieke van Leeuwen, curators at IKEA Museum.

The exhibition also looks at what could happen when IKEA products are hacked and altered, and what potential consequences that might have for the products. In the weeks ahead of the opening on 28 April, you can monitor the progress of the exhibition and see behind the scenes of “*IKEA Hacked: Our Products. Your Ideas.*” at ikeamuseum.com and on IKEA Museum social media.