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"I have a strong appreciation for old world craftsmanship and design, but am genetically disposed to question why a Moped can't be as sexy as a Ducati"  
- ADRIAN VAN ANZ, DESIGNER

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# solidly surfaced

TACTILE FURNITURE SOLUTIONS BY NEW YORK'S MICKUS PROJECTS

Photography by Robert Bean

WHEN CONCEPTUALIZING THESE pieces for the "Solid/Surface/Series" collection, it was important to Mickus to use environmentally friendly materials, eliminating upholstery and foam cushioning. Pure wool felt, a rapidly-renewable material, was the natural choice. Precision cut pieces of felt are adhered with non-toxic, water-based glue. The cascading edges create an integral pattern with both a visual and tactile effect. The scraps of felt generated during fabrication are reused in other Mickus Projects designs.

## ABOUT THE DESIGNER

Ben K. Mickus is an up-and-coming furniture designer based in Brooklyn, NY. You can read more about his work and additional projects at [www.mickusprojects.com](http://www.mickusprojects.com)



## RELIEF CHAIR

The "Relief Chair" is a sculpted assembly of felt sheets, sleeved over an internal steel frame. The felt body and frame rest on break-formed stainless steel legs, with a satin finish. The composition juxtaposes weight and weightlessness with an intrepid stance.

## FLOOR PERCH

The Floor Perch is a pouf, coffee table and storage device combined in one. The subtly torqued volume is intersected by angular aluminum inserts, creating voids for storage within and a hard surface on top to keep your beverage close by. It is designed as a stand-alone piece for the compact home or as a grouped system for lobby and lounge environments.

