





We shall not cease from exploring And in the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time (T.S. Eliot, Little Gidding V, Four Quartets)

This conceptual research is practical and provides the basis of the associative power and archetypal clarity of her single, robust furniture objects, which strive to find the essence or origins of their functional type. The associations evoked by their sculptural forms are not arbitrary propositions but rooted ideas and feelings. Some suggest the timeless familiarity and direct methods of Dutch vernacular or folkloristic traditions, expressed through colour and form. They share a toylike quality, counter-balanced by a sober, down-to-earthness. All speak as strong characters, not pronouncing litanies but issuing appealing invitations, offered without quile, to invert, reinvent, or at the very least to reconsider some of our functional norms.

Achieving the naked associations of the archetype in Hans' furniture is essential for her. You have to know what you are dealing with. If you don't, then designed pieces become a blur, then everything is arbitrary. You recognise archetypal forms because they are stored somewhere in the back of our minds.



Create a language and you create a world (Ludwig Wittgenstein)











