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Emirati designer Khalid Shafar creates flip chair

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Most people have a favorite position to sit in while they're brooding over their desk for long hours at a time. Renowned Emirati designer has used the common sitting cross-legged position as the basis for his new Flip chair. The **design** fosters the action of sitting in the position used by many – in which the lower legs are folded towards the body, crossing each other at the ankle or calf with both ankles on the floor, and sometimes even (as I find personally most comfortable), with the feet tucked under the knees or the thighs in a cross-legged and meditative pose. The chair is made of a metal structure comprising ash wood and cotton upholstery, while the design is a prototype fabricated from these materials in order to celebrate the ubiquitous activity we all engage in day in and day out – that of sitting.