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## Matthias Bengtsson's Growth Table

Mathias Bengtsson's work is closer to art than to traditional industrial design. Even though it is highly usable, the exceptional inventiveness of his design and manufacturing processes has aroused the interest of museums around the world. Working with diverse industrial materials and processes, Bengtsson pushes forward the sculptural, technical, and philosophical possibilities of three-dimensional design. Accordingly, the majority of his works are unique or created as editions, requiring both high-tech production facilities and labor-intensive processes.

The extraordinary Growth Table is designed with the help of a "digital seed" that grows in a virtual world, inside a purpose-designed computer program. In a bio-mimicry process, the digital seed emulates natural growth, imitating some of nature's rules and methods. The furniture parameters have been embedded in the digital seed; however, the form is not defined ahead of time but emerges as a result of the growth process.

Courtesy of Maria Wettergren