



# BELLIS

Press Release April 2020 **BELLIS** JEWEL BED Design by Bilge Nur Saltik



## Designed by Bilge Nur Saltik for Uniqka, Bellis is a new storage unit for jewelry and accessories: a 'jewel bed'.

The designer, Bilge Nur Saltik from Form&Seek design studio, was inspired by the fashionable ruff collars in baroque Europe during late 16th and early 17th century. She wanted to apply this delicate, flower-like pattern to create an object which could be used with the dearest personal accessories, the jewelry.

Bellis combines the gracefulness of leather and the firmness of steel. Folded leather pieces are connected with each other and supported by a steel base and the storage cap in the center. The two steel parts are hand-spun and have powder coated finishing, while the leather bed is created with small pieces of vegetable-tanned leather obtained from the cut-off pieces in the workshop.

Bellis comes in four colorways. Green and black leather have a dark green steel base, while brown and nude leather have a dark brown steel base.

### **Product information**

Materials Vegetable-tanned leather and powder-coated steel

Dimensions Ø: 14cm H: 4cm

Colours Nude, Green, Brown, Black



#### About Uniqka

Uniqka is an Istanbul-based design brand that invigorates old craftsmanship traditions with new form and a subtle contemporary aesthetic. Uniqka designs focus on craft and material. The emphasis is on the versatility and elegance of leather.

Collaborating with designers around the world, Uniqka creates handmade objects, operating in a sustainable and circular way. Uniqka uses environment friendly, vegetable-tanned leather in their products. To reduce the carbon footprint, Uniqka works with local suppliers and the leather is only sourced from selected suppliers with traceability and sustainable practices.

#### About the designer

Form&Seek design studio led by Bilge Nur Saltik focuses on newly developed processes and contemporary, globally local craft techniques. Being true believers of the story behind the objects, each product emerges from a powerful narrative and is fueled by an interest in human behavior and human interaction with objects.

Turkish-born Saltik's practice began in 2013, shortly after receiving her master's degree in Product Design from the Royal College of Art in London. Her design studio, Form&Seek, collaborates with brands, designing products, doing material and manufacturing research, creative direction and design consultancy.



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