

We claim:

1. A combination of a chair and a stool base portion, said chair comprising:
 - an upper portion providing a backrest for support for a first user;
 - a lower portion connected to said upper portion and having a sitting portion for supporting said first user in a seated position;
 - said stool base portion adapted to support said chair, and comprising a saddle adapted to releasably engage said chair;
 - said combination is configurable in a first configuration with said chair being coupled to said saddle, and said sitting portion being positioned above said saddle;
 - said combination is manually convertible between said first configuration and a second configuration, where said second configuration comprises said chair still functioning as a chair for said first user, and said stool functioning so that said saddle is accessible to said first user as a work surface or, alternatively, so that said saddle is accessible to a second user as a sitting surface; and
 - said combination further comprises an assembly positioned below said sitting portion and forming at least a pair of base legs which are structured so as to function as rockers for said chair when said combination is in said second configuration.
2. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that:
 - said lower portion comprises a first portion near said upper portion, and a second portion spaced away from said first portion; and
 - said base portion extends generally upward to said saddle.
3. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that:
 - the saddle further comprises a top surface and a perimeter edge incorporating the back and front edges, circumscribing the top surface and defining the top surface with a rotationally asymmetric geometry; and
 - the lower portion receptacle and the saddle perimeter edge correspond with one another so that the base couples with the frame only in one specific rotational orientation.
4. The combination of a chair and a stool base portion in accordance with claim 2 wherein a first of the two base legs extends generally arcuately downward from a lower portion left side and second portion, and from the lower portion left side and first portion, and a second of the two base legs extends generally arcuately downward from a frame lower

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