

# Polder

Hella Jongerius, 2005/2015

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Polder

In the home country of Dutch designer Hella Jongerius, the word 'polder' refers to low-lying flatlands, typically subdivided into fields serving various agricultural purposes, which have been reclaimed from the sea by means of dykes and drainage canals. With their flat surfaces, low-slung body and horizontal emphasis, both Polder sofas evoke the characteristic features of the polder landscape.

The large seat cushions of the Polder Sofa and Polder Compact form an extremely comfortable, asymmetrical seating surface that is flanked on both sides by the upholstered body. The shape of the body is what distinguishes the two sofas: a low armrest is integrated on one end of the Polder Sofa, while the other is bordered by an adjoining platform that also serves as a storage surface for magazines, books or trays. The Polder Sofa thus offers plenty of space to stretch out and relax, whether sitting or lying down. The seat surface of Polder Compact, by contrast, is framed by two armrests in different heights, which reduces the overall width of the sofa. The higher armrest also makes it possible to sit comfortably in a sideways position – either for reading or watching television.

With their distinctively asymmetrical structure, both Polder sofas can be optionally configured with the higher armrest on the left or right side, making them adaptable to different spatial settings. Since the platform for the Polder Sofa is separately available, it can also be used as an ottoman.

The upholstered cushions and body of the sofas are covered with fabrics in carefully coordinated hues and weaves: shades of green, red, golden yellow or night blue. In place of standard upholstery fabrics, textiles developed exclusively for Vitra by Hella Jongerius are used as cover materials – thereby intensifying the subtle interplay of colours and textures that typifies the design.

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## Materials

- **Structural frame:** wooden frame.
- **Seat cushions:** polyurethane foam with interactive pocket spring core, chamber cushions (filled with foam cubes and feathers) and polyester fleece.
- **Back cushions:** polyurethane foam with polyester fleece and chamber cushions (filled with foam cubes and feathers).
- **Armrest cushion:** detached bolster, freely positionable, sand-weighted, polyurethane foam filling.
- **Cover:** coordinated combinations of various colours and fabric types, removable.
- **Ottoman:** wooden frame with polyurethane foam. The fabric and colour of the Ottoman matches that of the sofa.
- **Applications:** recommended for domestic use only.

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The distinctive character of the Polder Sofa by Hella Jongerius derives from the combination of diverse fabrics and colours, an asymmetrical shape and charming details. Available in coordinated shades of red, green, golden yellow or night blue, this comfortable sofa adds a striking accent to any interior.



Polder Sofa golden yellow



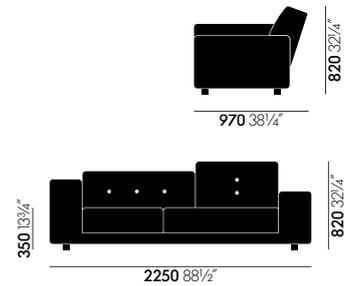
Polder Sofa green

**Hella Jongerius**

The Dutch designer Hella Jongerius lives and works in Berlin. She founded the Jongeriuslab studio in 1993 and began collaborating with Vitra in 2004. Since then, she has not only contributed a substantial number of designs to the continually expanding Vitra Home Collection, but has also applied her expertise in the realm of colours and materials to the Vitra Colour & Material Library.

**Polder Sofa red****Polder Sofa night blue**

Designed by Hella Jongerius in a range of fabrics and carefully coordinated hues and weaves, the Polder Compact sofa adds an eye-catching note to any interior. It is available in shades of green, red, night blue and golden yellow, and the compact dimensions of this sofa make it especially well suited for smaller apartments.



Polder Compact golden yellow



Polder Compact green

The Ottoman is a flexible element that can be optionally used as a side platform to extend the horizontal surface of the Polder Sofa. Positioned perpendicular to the sofa, it forms a chaise longue – and as an individual object it can be placed anywhere in the room to provide a practical seat or an extra surface for small items. The Ottoman comes in four predefined colours, which are perfectly coordinated with the respective colour schemes of the sofas.



Polder Compact red, Polder Ottoman red



Polder Compact night blue



Fabric mix golden yellow



**32**  
Aura - chartreuse



**11**  
Dumet - yellow melange



**06**  
Maize - canary/ochre



**05**  
Volo - canola



**06**  
Aura - canary



**05**  
Panamone - curry

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Polder button sets for the colour versions red, green, golden yellow and night blue



Fabric mix green

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
|  | <b>62</b><br>Aura - emerald           |  | <b>09</b><br>Maize - fern/<br>brandy       |
|  | <b>09</b><br>Aura - green             |  | <b>06</b><br>Volo - summer grass           |
|  | <b>13</b><br>Dumet - green<br>melange |  | <b>34</b><br>Plano - grass<br>green/forest |

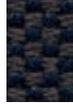


Fabric mix red

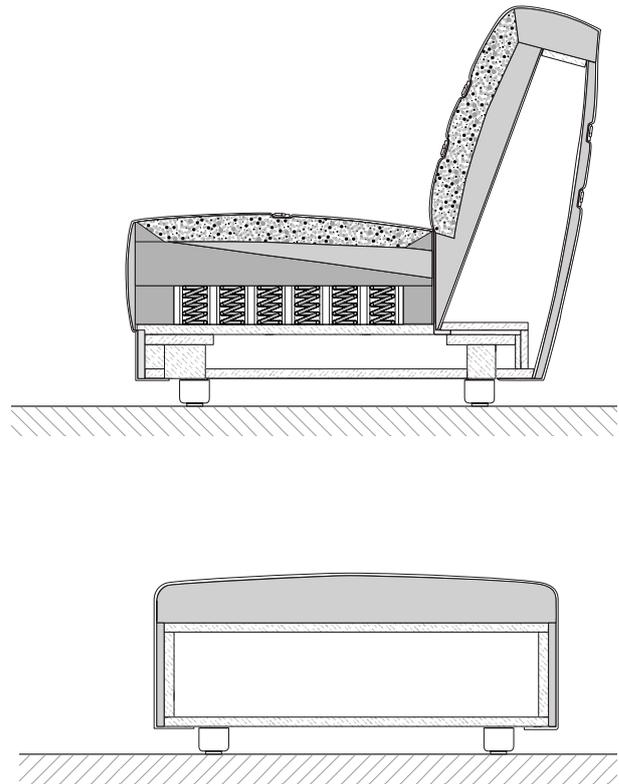
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|    | <b>15</b><br>Aura - cherry            |    | <b>11</b><br>Maize - poppy<br>red/brandy |
|   | <b>16</b><br>Aura - flame red         |   | <b>77</b><br>Volo - brick                |
|  | <b>12</b><br>Brink - bordeaux/<br>red |  | <b>63</b><br>Plano - red/<br>poppy red   |



Fabric mix night blue

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|---|---|---|--|
|  | <b>57</b><br>Aura - dark blue                 |  | <b>04</b><br>Twill - ink blue            |
|  | <b>08</b><br>Credo - dark<br>blue/black       |  | <b>11</b><br>Volo - night blue           |
|  | <b>21</b><br>Laser - dark blue/<br>moor brown |  | <b>16</b><br>Maize - night<br>blue/black |

The upholstery construction of the Polder Sofa and Polder Compact provides excellent comfort. The seat elements, which rest on the structural frame, combine layers of polyurethane foam with a chamber cushion overlay and an interactive pocket spring core. The resilient pocket springs have a pleasant cushioning effect paired with high shape recovery. The backrest cushions consist of polyurethane foam and a chamber cushion.



**USEFUL FACTS ABOUT UPHOLSTERY**

Vitra has produced upholstered furniture of the highest quality for over fifty years. Premium materials, a careful selection of cover materials, skilled craftsmanship and high quality standards at Vitra are a guarantee for outstanding products that bring lasting pleasure. In Vitra’s own Test Centre, our upholstered furnishings are regularly subjected to rigorous tests that far exceed common standards.

Nevertheless, every piece of upholstered furniture requires proper care.

**Maintenance:**

Exposure to direct sunlight should be avoided, since ultraviolet rays can cause cover materials to fade.

To retain the original fullness and shape of your sofa, cushions should be vigorously shaken and plumped at regular intervals. Folds and creases from sitting can be prevented in all types of upholstery by smoothing the cover material after use.

Slight indentations in the seat and backrest are to be expected over time, but they will not diminish the quality of your sofa in any way. To maintain its uniform appearance and ensure that your sofa wears evenly, alternate the place where you sit – especially when the sofa is new.

After your sofa has experienced some use, the upholstery padding will retain a stable degree of firmness for the rest of its product life.

Cover materials have a decisive influence on the appearance and characteristics of upholstered furniture.

Technical properties such as resistance to abrasion, fading or stains play an important role along with the quality of fibres, type of weave and aesthetic features of the textile.

Function and performance are primarily determined by the type of fabric used. In general, synthetic fibres are superior to natural fibres in terms of their technical characteristics. For this reason, blends of different materials are employed to combine the advantages of the individual fibres.

In the following, you will find some of the key features of the textiles used by Vitra in its upholstery covers:

**Cotton (CO)**

Skin-friendly natural fibre of plant origin, pleasant tactile qualities, readily absorbs moisture. Often inferior to synthetic fibres with regard to colourfastness and light resistance; flat weaves susceptible to pilling.

**Linen (LI)**

Natural fibre of plant origin with slight lustre, cool and comfortable, repels dirt, no pilling. Limited colourfastness to light and crocking, creases easily.

**Wool (WO)**

Elastic natural fibre of animal origin, naturally self-cleaning – a brief airing disperses absorbed odours, leaving the wool smelling neutral and fresh again. Good resistance to light and abrasion, highly absorbent, minimal creasing, low flammability. Subject to pilling and matting.

**Polyester (PE), Polyacrylic (PA), Viscose (VI)**

Synthetic, highly uniform, lightfast fibres. The non-absorbent properties of synthetics can be mitigated with fibre blends and weaving techniques.

The overall look of a piece of furniture is influenced by the colour and type of cover fabric, its properties (elastic or non-stretch) as well as the upholstery technique (removable or attached covers). Consequently, a sofa can take on a different appearance depending on the cover material. Generally speaking, cover fabrics with some elasticity are less susceptible to creases and puckering, since they have an adaptable fit on three-dimensional forms. Heavier cover materials such as Laser or Credo drape more smoothly, while thinner materials exhibit a finer rippling effect.

**Care instructions:**

All Polder covers are removable. Fabric covers can be professionally dry cleaned. Please refer to the care instructions provided with your sofa.

Should you ever need to replace individual parts or covers due to wear and tear, please contact your local Vitra retailer.



**Polder Sofa golden yellow**, armrest left, sitting right

**Polder Sofa golden yellow**, armrest right, sitting left



**Polder Sofa red**, armrest right, sitting left

**Polder Sofa red**, armrest left, sitting right



**Polder Compact green**, low armrest right (viewed from front)



**Polder Compact night blue**, low armrest left (viewed from front)  
**Polder Ottoman green**

The concept behind the Vitra Home Collection is not to promote a uniform 'design style', but rather to offer a selection of furniture and accessories that can be freely combined according to each customer's preferences. Here are a few suggestions for products and accessories in colour palettes which harmonise beautifully with the Polder Sofa.



**Occasional Table LTR**  
39.2 x 33.5 x 25 cm



**Prismatic Table**  
41 x 37.5 cm



**Panton Junior**  
37.5 x 44.5 x 63 cm



**Eames Elephant**  
78.5 x 41 x 41.5 cm



**Love, red**  
400 x 400 mm



**Wall Clock Sunburst Clock**  
ø 47 cm



**Plywood Group LCW**  
53 x 56 x 68 cm



**Zoo Timer Elihu the Elephant**  
32 x 32 x 5 cm



**Zoo Timer Fernando the Fish**  
25 x 28 x 3.5 cm



**Bovis, dark greens**  
ø 54 x 38 cm



**Bovis, dark reds**  
ø 54 x 38 cm



**NesTable**  
50 x 35 x 57.4 - 77 cm



**Bovis, light reds**  
ø 54 x 38 cm



**Bovis, light greens**  
ø 54 x 38 cm



**Plywood Group LCW**  
53 x 56 x 68 cm



**Nelson Bench**  
122 x 47 x 35.5 cm | 183.5 x 47 x 35.5 cm



**L'Oiseau**  
24.5 x 15 x 6 cm



**Cork Family**  
ø 31 x 33 cm



**Small Dot Pattern Document**  
40 x 40 cm



**Millerstripe multicolored neutral**  
40 x 40 cm



**Butterfly Stool**  
42 x 39 cm



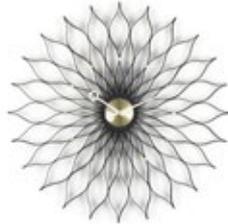
**Elliptical Table ETR**  
226.5 x 74.5 x 22.5 cm



**Eyes, blue**  
30 x 40 cm



**Eyes, green**  
30 x 40 cm



**Wall Clocks Sunflower Clock,**  
ø 75 cm



**Wall Clocks Asterisk Clock,**  
ø 25 cm



**Eames House Bird**  
28 x 8.5 x 27.5 cm

