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Workshop. Media shelf in anthracite, combined with dark grey metal shelf.

 $\leftarrow \textit{ Display cabinet and metal shelves in dark grey. String Pocket Sergelgrå}.$



Chest of drawers in dark grey, as a bedside table.

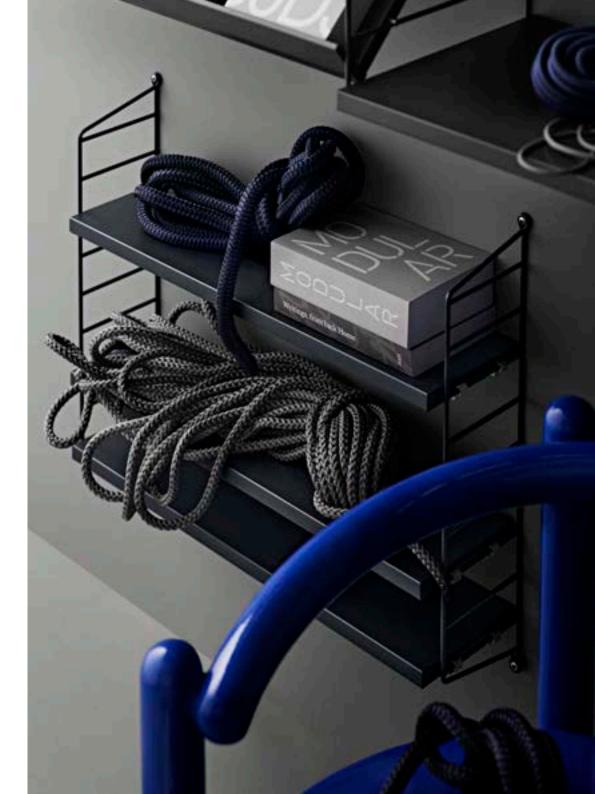
Floor panels, cabinet with flip door, work desk, chest of drawers, all in dark grey, combined with String Pocket Oxtorgsröd.







Forest Cabin. Floor panels, magazine shelf, metal shelves high in dark grey. String Pocket Tegnérgrön.
String Pocket Nybroblå.

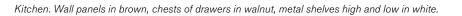








Wall panels in brown, combined with shelves in walnut.













Kids' room. String Pocket in white.

← Kitchen. Wall panels, metal shelves, hanger racks, rod and hooks, all in white.



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Workspace. Cabinet with lock, work desk, magazine shelf, floor panels, in white.

Metal desk drawer, in white.



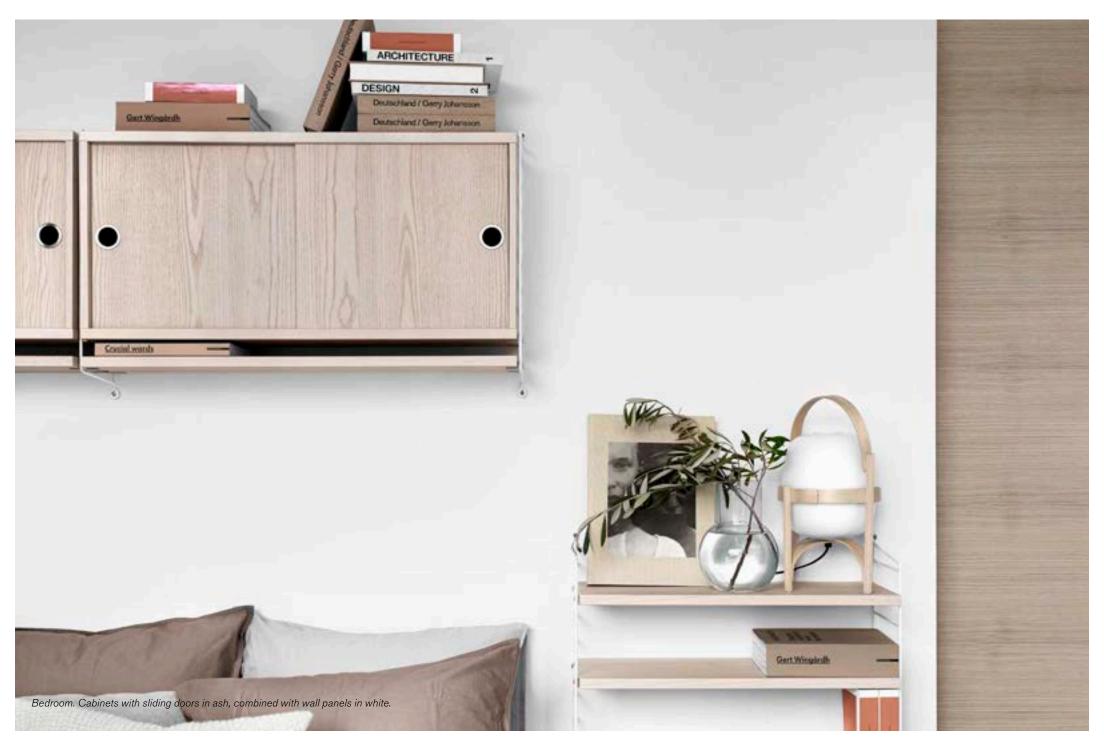






Hallway. Chests of drawers in ash, combined with floor panels in white.

 $\leftarrow \textit{Workspace. Cabinets with sliding doors in ash, combined with wall panels in white.}$







Kids' room. Magazine shelf in beige with wall panels in white.



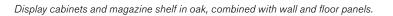








Kitchen. String Pocket in oak with panels in white.











Walk in wardrobe. Cabinets in oak, combined with wall and floor panels and metal shelves in beige.





Kids' room. Wall panels and metal shelves, in black.

Workspace. Floor panels, wall panels and accessories in black. Work desk and cabinet with sliding doors in black stained ash





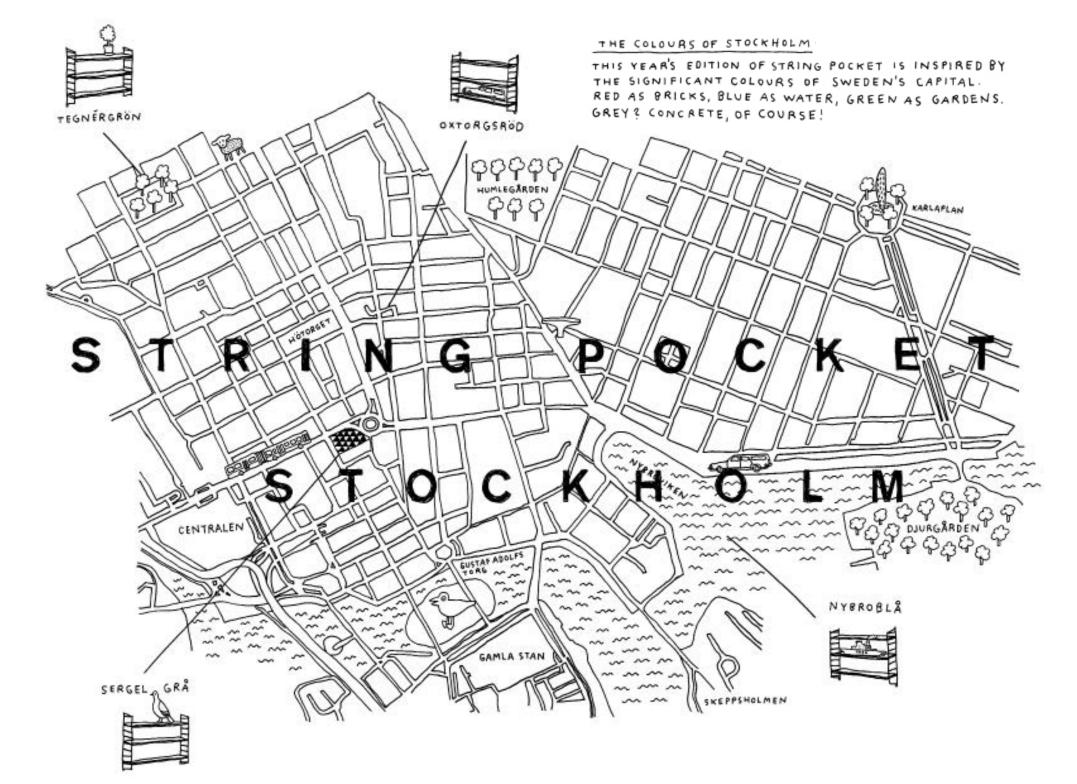






Outdoor. Free standing metal shelf, galvanized.













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String – the story

String has earned its place in design history thanks to its elegant simplicity and ingenious construction. Designed by Nisse and Kajsa Strinning, the String shelf won its first design prize in 1949. Based on three simple elements – the shelf, the wall panel and the metal fitting – it can be combined in an infinite number of configurations and is endlessly reinvented as it passes from one generation to the next.

All books and no shelves

In the late 1940s, vast number of books were being sold in Sweden. Even the smallest town had its own bookshop, and salesmen often peddled their wares in the workplace. With Swedish homes overflowing with books, the question naturally arose: where should they all be kept? Bonniers Folkbibliotek, one of Sweden's largest publishers, decided to answer this question by holding a design competition in the spring of 1949. They called for a new kind of bookcase that would be affordable, wall-mounted, expandable and hold at least two metres of books.

Nisse Strinning

At this time, a young Stockholm architect called Nisse Strinning had just begun his career. Although a trained architect, Nisse was actually more interested in designing smaller everyday objects that could have a big impact on people's lives.

As a child, he had designed and built his own bookcase. As an adult, he had all the theoretical knowledge and practical experience needed to recreate that bookcase... making it open, affordable, space-saving, and expandable to any size.

In fact, when Nisse heard about Bonniers' bookcase competition, the idea of the String bookshelf was almost ready to go.

Kajsa cracks the details

At this point, it would be remiss not to mention Strinning's wife Kajsa – also an architect – without whom the String shelf might never have past the prototype stage. Unlike her husband, Kajsa had the artistic talent to refine Nisse's raw industrial designs, and the patience to create





Nisse Strinning. Architect and inventor.

the detailed technical drawings needed to construct his bookshelf. Together, they formed a winning team.

String wins the contest

In the autumn 1949, Nisse and Kajsa's String shelf won first place in Bonniers' bookcase competition. Made of blue wall panels and pine shelves, their design beat 194 entries from around Europe, the US and even as far away as Australia. Commercial production began soon afterwards, with only one small modification. The dimensions were adjusted to ensure that the wall panels and shelves could be packaged and sold in the same box.

An ingenious construction turns into success

The construction of the very first shelf was based on three simple elements; the shelf, the wall panel and the metal fitting. The dimensions of the shelves and wall panels were 78 cm wide, 75 cm high and 20 cm deep – exactly the same as they are today. Meaning you can connect a String from 1949 with another from 2024. After a few short months, String became known all over Sweden, and in less than a year over 40,000 systems had been sold.

International success

In the years that followed, the String shelf began to appear in interior design magazines, at trade fairs and other important exhibitions. Its popularity spread to the rest of Europe, the United States and South America. String shelves were used in the offices of the UN Headquarters in New York, and in 1954, String was awarded a gold medal at the Milan Trienniale. In the summer of 1955, an Art Industry Exhibition known as the H55, was held in Sweden, with nine nations participating: Denmark, Finland, France, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and West Germany. The Strinnings took the opportunity to present several additions to their range as part of the 'Home and Interior Design of the Future' exhibition.

The legacy lives on

Today, String comprises of an entire system and can be combined in an infinite number of configurations. New colours, materials, and accessories have been added over time. Some of them blueprint ideas from Nisse's archives; others created by contemporary Swedish designers.

Although the system is endlessly being reinvented as it passes

from one generation to the next, its basic construction – the shelf, the wall panel and the metal fittings – remain identical to the 1949 original.

String continues to grow in Europe, the US and Asia, and is currently sold in 48 countries. Manufacturing still takes place in Sweden just as in 1949; with the wall panels being made just a few kilometres away from where the shelves are produced. From here, everything is packaged and shipped worldwide.

Although Nisse passed away in 2006 and Kajsa in 2017, their designs are still very much alive and thriving.

The original blue print.



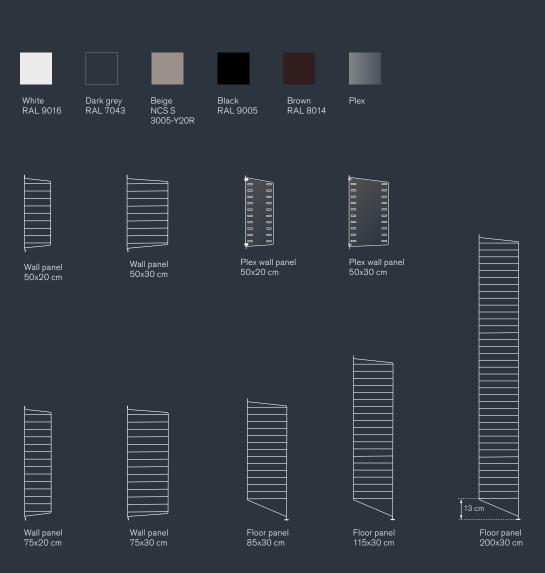
Kajsa Strinning. Architect.



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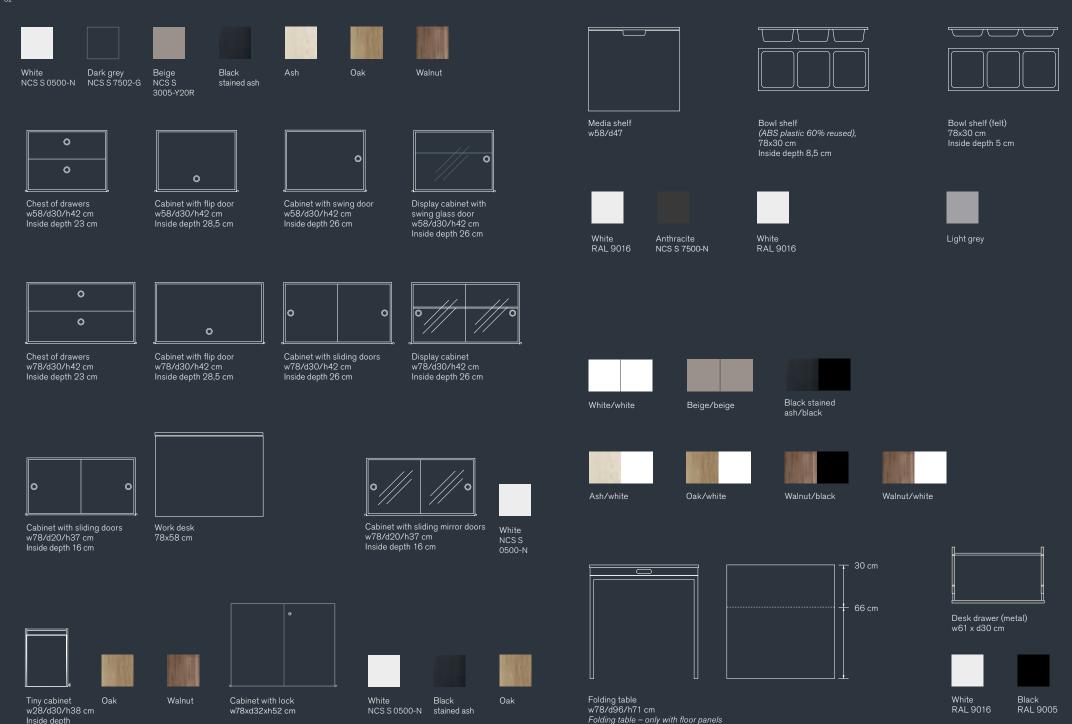
Discover your String combination

The String System is a series of components featuring the classic wire panels that offer almost unlimited combinations. You can choose among a wide range of colours and materials to build your own, personal shelving system, based on standard widths of 60 cm and 80 cm and two depths, 20 cm and 30 cm.



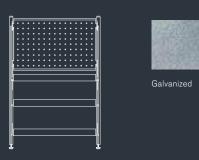


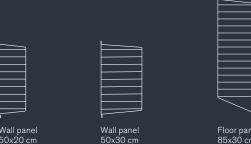
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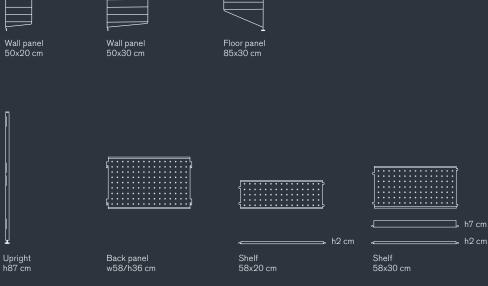


String Outdoor. Wall mounted or free standing

Galvanized metal makes it possible to take String outdoors. Furnish your favourite space freely, without being limited by four walls and a ceiling. The material can withstand any weather, and attains a nice rugged patina over time.







String Pocket. A beginning of something great

String Pocket is the small, light and handy little one. W60/d15/h50 cm. It's sold as a complete unit of two panels and three shelves. Combine them in a number of ways. For example, with two units you can build up to three sections with two shelves each. The metal version adds new possibilities. Its shelves are thin and strong since the edges are folded. Also, they are perforated and ideal for adding accessories like hooks, rods and more.



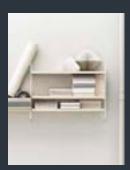
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Black stained ash/black



Ash/white



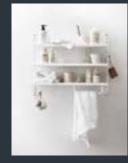
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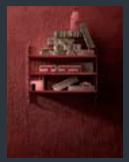
Walnut/black



Sage RAL 7009



White metal RAL 9016



Oxtorgsröd RAL 3011



Sergelgrå NCS S 7010 R90B



Tegnérgrön RAL 6004



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