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Milla's Moment

The Autumn of
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FUNCTIONAL FORM

"It wasn't made to be comfortable," admits Wrocław-based engineer **Oskar Zieta** of his ingenious and award-winning **Plopp stool**. "But it's more comfortable than it looks." The must-be-seen-to-be-believed process (trust us—Google it) involves two incredibly thin (three-hundredths of an inch) sheets of laser-cut, welded steel that are inflated, balloon-like, with high-pressure "Polish air," as he affectionately calls it. The result is a unique lightweight seating marvel—indentations occur spontaneously, so no two are alike. Astoundingly, it can hold two tons within seconds of expansion. "It could've been in *Pumping Iron*, because it has Muscle Beach style," Zieta says of his inspired creation. "It's durable—Schwarzenegger should give it a try!" Available in yellow, gray, black and white (\$525 each) or with a stainless finish (shown, \$725). A+R, 1121-I Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 310-392-9128, aplusrstore.com. —**Robin Sayers**