Finding Aid for the Frank Gehry sketch of the Cross Check armchair, circa 1990
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**Title:** Frank Gehry sketch of the Cross Check armchair

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**Contributing Institution:** Architecture and Design Collection, Art, Design & Architecture Museum

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 3.0 Linear feet (1 flat file folder)

**Date (inclusive):** circa 1990

**creator:** Gehry, Frank O., 1929-

**Access**

Partially processed collection, open for use by qualified researchers.

**Preferred Citation note**

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**Biographical/Historical note**

Frank Owen Gehry was born on February 28, 1929 in Toronto, Canada. He graduated from the University of Southern California’s School of Architecture in 1951. Gehry went on to study city planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, from which he graduated in 1957. Over the course of his career Gehry worked for many well known architects, include: Hideo Dadaki, Pereira and Luckman, Victor Gruen, Andre Remondet, before opening his own practice in 1962. Starting in the 1970s up through the 1980s, Gehry taught, at the University of Southern California, the University of California, Los Angeles, Yale University, and Harvard University. In 1989, the furniture company Knoll approached Gehry and asked him to design a line of chairs, which they produced in 1990. Paying homage to his Canadian roots, Gehry named each chair after ice hockey terms. The chairs were made of thin straps of bent laminated maple.

**Scope and Content note**

The Frank Gehry sketch of the Cross Check armchair spans 3 linear feet and dates from circa 1990. The collection consists of a single sketch of the Cross Check Armchair in black marker on the side of a cardboard box stamped with the Knoll logo.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Gehry, Frank O., 1929-
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