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TAKE A SEAT

## Chabanel III Chair

Minimalist lines from Foraine by Atelier Barda.

For Foraine, the furniture brand offshoot of Montreal architecture firm Atelier Barda, the Chabanel chair is produced in chapters. The first, a brutalist concrete seat, was designed in 2019 for fashion platform SSENSE's headquarters on Chabanel Street. The next iteration, in stainless steel, was released two years later. For the latest chair, launched at the end of 2022, Foraine explores a new material, a durable Italian papier mâché compound made from recycled paper used to restore architectural ornaments.

While the Chabanel chair's silhouette remains the same, an L-shaped seat on thick cylindrical legs, the contrasting textures give each edition a distinct personality. "The exploration through different materials requires rethinking the whole prototyping: its details, its assemblies," says Antonio Di Bacco, co-founder of Atelier Barda and Foraine. The Chabanel III, available for special order in a variety of colours, is an organic counterpoint to past iterations.

Ahead, Foraine plans to emphasize recuperation, using Atelier Barda's discarded materials to unite what the two brands have in common. "The red thread always remains the same," Di Bacco says. "We aim to create objects that carry signs and can resonate with anyone's memory and experiences." **Elia Essen**



SKIN CARE MADE SIMPLE

### Basic Maintenance Lab

The recent push to medicalize skin care has led to further confusion for many consumers. Now what was once moisturizer is squalene, toner is glycolic acid, and what was once a simple nighttime routine has become a chemistry class in skin-care ingredients.

Luckily, Toronto brand Basic Maintenance Lab is making skin care manageable with its clearly labelled bottles of cleansers, moisturizers, and soaps. Developed expressly to simplify skin care, Basic Maintenance Lab's products aim to do what the brand's name suggests: provide the materials for an efficient baseline of self-care that sets its users up for success. **John Clegg**