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'Pair of stools'

Annelise Michelson and Pimar

According to the ancient Chinese principle of yin and yang, things that seem most contradictory can often be the most inseparable. For Annelise Michelson, this teaching reflects the twists and turns of a love story, which she has translated into a pair of stools. The stools are made from different colours of Lecce stone, a calcareous limestone from Italy's Salento area. Through a carving process, they are shaped to curl into one another, appearing almost to become one.

Annelise Michelson

Parisian jewellery designer Michelson began her career in fashion design, training at the city's Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture and going on to work for brands such as Vanessa Bruno, Paul & Joe, and Hermès. She now works on her bold collections from her atelier in the Marais. annelisemichelson.com

Pimar

The family-run company's quarry extends over an area of 40 hectares in Salento, Puglia. Its Lecce stone has a calcareous consistency and is often patterned by fragments of fossils in tones of yellow, white and grey. *pimarlimestone.com*

