

## **Australian furniture of the sixties**

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Australian designers of the 50's, 60's and 70's have created some of the most iconic collectables. As the new generation of collectors moves away from the more traditional items they have looked for the newer designs. And what better place to look for that new direction than in our own back yard?

There are a few stand-out designers that are at the forefront of this new area of collecting. Names like Fred Ward, Schulim Krimper, Grant Featherston and many others are the new labels that are now in high demand. And that high demand has seen a rapid increase in the value of pieces of furniture.

Let's look at the then local Melbourne designer Schulim Krimper. Schulim was born in Rumania in 1893 and apprenticed to a local cabinet-maker where he worked until the start of the Second World War. He emigrated to Australia in August 1939 and continued developing the skills he had acquired in Europe. By the Mid 1950's he was a major designer and supplier of custom made furniture in the modern design.

But it has only been in the last 10 years that his furniture has become collectable. Krimper furniture can easily be recognised by the use of beautiful natural timber and superb workmanship, with a precise eye for detail, down to the shape of the cabinet key. Most pieces of his furniture are signed, but many use a "K" in the design.

The right piece of Krimper in good condition will now sell for many thousands of dollars.

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