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I have a soft spot for the colour blue, nautical style and denim. For Aqua, my first surfboard design, I used a blue watercolour technique which references the control of water - fundamental in both water colouring and surfing. Being born in Brittany, I need to live near the sea. The ocean fuels my mind and creative process. This is why I now share my time between France and Portugal; both countries offer easy and quick access to the blue of the ocean.



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Borghese Sofa
La Chance
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Aqua Surfboard
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Colour in design also allows experimenting with how spaces and volumes are divided. Colours, the collection of seats I created for Bernhardt Design in 2015, allows clients to both connect and break up rooms and large areas, like lobbies and lounges, with colourful borders. The seats come in red, green, blue, purple and yellow, and can be used to divide large public areas into smaller conversation or waiting zones.



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