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Martino
Gamper
A Child's Desk

2009



Reclaimed furniture parts,
dipped in multicoloured
rubber, rosewood
veneered box
65 (h) x 110 (w) x 105 (d) cm

Estimate:
£3,000 — £7,000

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London-based Italian designer, Martino Gamper, makes furniture from found, abandoned and rejected objects and materials. His practice is often collaborative, blurring traditional boundaries between design and art, playing with functional and aesthetic expectations. Conventional design criteria, such as how objects look or work, are of secondary importance to Gamper. What fascinates him is the process of making things: rather than developing an idea by sketching on paper, he decides how each piece will evolve while he is actually making it – an immediacy of working with materials that is visible in the final, improvised solutions which characterise his playful, humorous furniture.