

SEATING

Sometimes, An Italian Chair Is Also a Ladder



The Scaletta chair by Pieracci, a furniture maker in Città di Castello, Italy, seems tailor-made for space-crunched New York apartments.

A hinge in the seat lets the back of the chair fold forward

over the front, and the rear legs

lift up to transform the chair into a

step stool. (Scaletta means little ladder in Italian.) Like all of Pieracci's furniture, the chair-stool, made of solid hornbeam, is held together with wooden pegs instead of nails or glue. Scaletta (\$285) is available at the Princeton, N.J., showroom of Tuscan Hills, a shop owned by Suzanne and Greg Evans; and at www.tuscan-hills.com, 342 Nassau St., Princeton; (609) 921-9015 (closed Sunday and Monday).

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