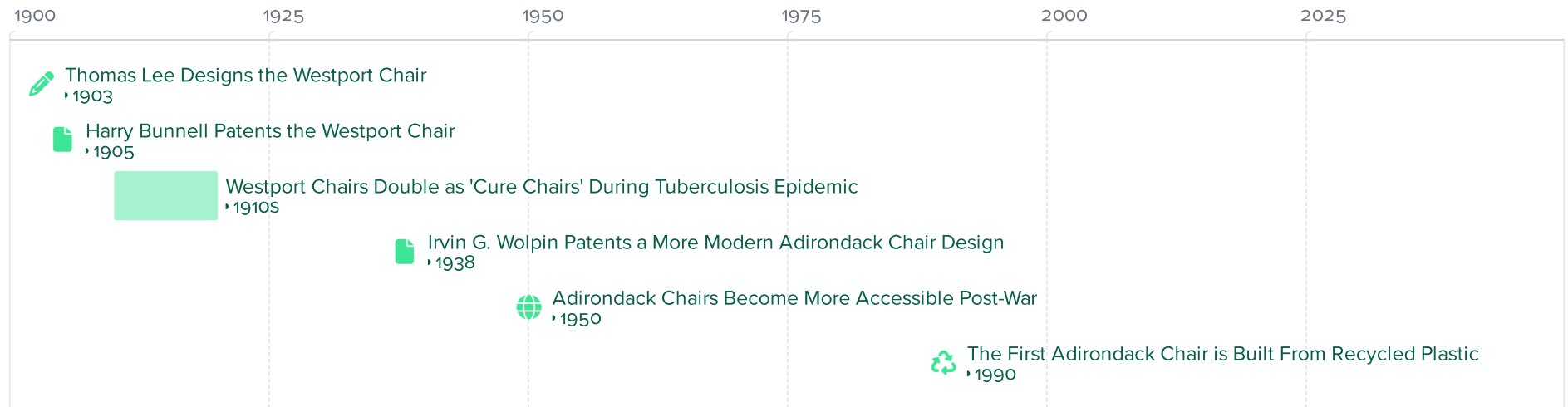




The Complete Adirondack Chair History


This timeline traces the evolution of the Adirondack chair, from its inception as the Westport Chair to its modern-day status as an iconic symbol of outdoor comfort and style, encompassing design innovations, historical adaptations, and its enduring appeal in contemporary settings.




Events

-  **Thomas Lee Designs the Westport Chair**
1903

In 1903, Thomas Lee designs the Westport Chair, which later becomes known as the Adirondack chair, aiming to create a comfortable outdoor seating option for his summer home in Westport, New York.
-  **Harry Bunnell Patents the Westport Chair**
1905

In 1905, Harry Bunnell patents the Westport Chair, later known as the Adirondack chair, after realizing its commercial potential and popularizing it in the Adirondack Mountains region of New York.
-  **Westport Chairs Double as 'Cure Chairs' During Tuberculosis Epidemic**
1910s

During the tuberculosis epidemic in the 1910s, Westport Chairs, also known as Adirondack chairs, are repurposed as 'cure chairs' due to their comfortable and supportive design, offering relief to tuberculosis patients and contributing to their widespread popularity.
-  **Irvin G. Wolpin Patents a More Modern Adirondack**

Chair Design

1938

In 1938, Irvin G. Wolpin patents a more modern design for the Adirondack chair, incorporating updated features and improvements to the original design, further enhancing its appeal and functionality.



Adirondack Chairs Become More Accessible Post-War

1950

In the 1950s, Adirondack chairs become more accessible to the general public, following the post-war economic boom and increased leisure time, leading to their widespread adoption as iconic outdoor furniture.



The First Adirondack Chair is Built From Recycled Plastic

1990

In 1990, the first Adirondack chair made from recycled plastic is built, marking a significant step towards sustainable and eco-friendly manufacturing practices in the furniture industry.