

# TURKISH BALCONIES

## Overview

In Turkish culture, balconies play a vital role in **social interaction, family unity and enjoyable time**.

Balconies are used as places where neighbors or family members **come together** in the evening, **chat, drink tea and coffee, celebrate special occasions and enjoy beautiful views**.

It is also part of the tradition of **growing flowers, eating and spending time outdoors**.

Balconies **strengthen** neighborly relations, support family unity and add aesthetic value, therefore they are considered an important element of Turkish culture.



## Activities



Drinking tea or Turkish coffee



Playing Okey



Snacking on sunflower seeds



Chatting



Eating

## Persona

### Why do the elderly enjoy balconies?

They often **take care of the flowers** on their balconies, talking to and nurturing them with affection.

Balconies frequently **host animal visitors** like pigeons and sparrows. Elderly individuals like to leave breadcrumbs for these feathered friends.

Balconies play a significant role in **socialization**, serving as a space for chatting and social interactions.

Balconies are an extension of **neighborhood culture**. Elderly neighbors sometimes engage in conversations from one balcony to another, or even from their balcony to someone in the garden.

Balconies also serve as a **makeshift pantry** for many elders. In Turkey, most houses lack a dedicated pantry space, so some food items are **stored in cabinets on the balcony**. Additionally, in Turkish culture, sharing home-cooked meals is common, and elders often store leftover food on the balcony during winter since the cold weather helps preserve it.

## The Problem

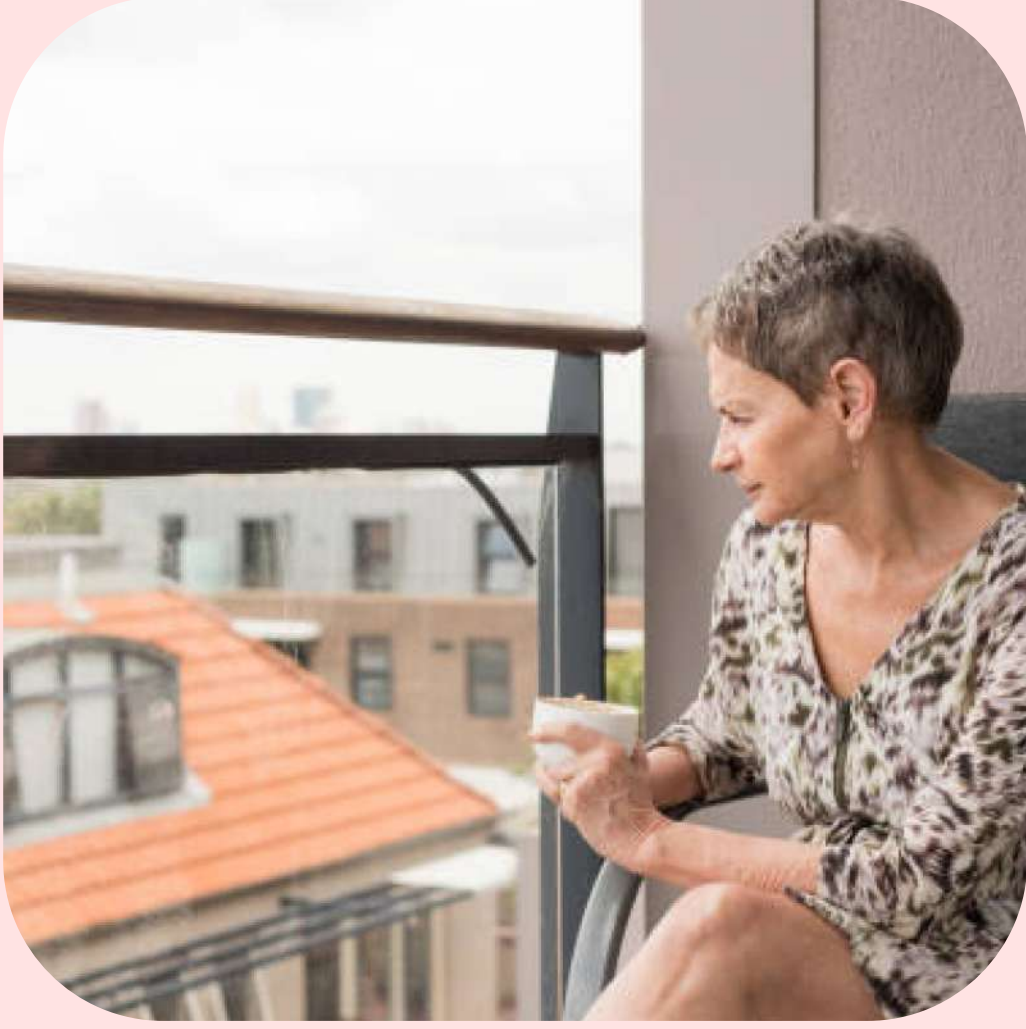
While Turkish people enjoy spending time on their balconies, they often face the challenge of **limited space**. The balconies are usually **too small** to accommodate seating sets comfortably. Furthermore, using only a few chairs is not the most conducive way to **sit, eat, drink, and socialize** on balconies. This issue is particularly problematic for **elderly** individuals, as they may find it **difficult to move even a single chair or clean** the balcony when furniture occupies the space.

## What do they think?

I want the guests to come and sit and drink tea. But our balcony is small.

## What should they think?

We settle into my balcony very comfortably. It's fun to sit on the balcony with friends.



## Deliverables

- Moodboard
- Storyboard poster (A3): Show your design in use situation in relation to your persona and use context.
- 3d model and visual renderings (3d renders or illustrations) of the final product on A3 paper.
- Technichal poster on A3 paper showing orthographic drawings, section(s) indicating dimensions, and exploded view with parts and brief material list.

## Objectives

- We are expecting a solution that,
- is for elderly people whose bodies are not **physically healthy**.
  - encourages the **comunication** within people.
  - is can be easily **lifted and carried**.
  - takes up **little space**.
  - is easy to **clean**.