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Miniature cabinet, model 5215

Herman Miller | USA, 1952/1955 | laminate, walnut, rosewood stained teak, porcelain, brass
6 h × 30¼ w × 14 d in (15 × 77 × 36 cm)

In 1947, straight out of high school, Dolores Houtman (née Mast) was hired by Herman Miller as an office assistant becoming the first female employee aside from the seamstresses on the production team. Already friends with Max DePree from school, Dolores went on to build friendships with George Nelson and Charles and Ray Eames who later would help her and her husband decorate their first home.

Provenance: Dolores Houtman, Zeeland, MI | Thence by descent

Literature: *George Nelson: Architect, Writer, Designer, Teacher*, von Vegesack and Eisenbrand, pg. 245
The Herman Miller Collection, manufacturer's catalog, 1955, unpaginated

Estimate: \$5,000–7,000

Result: \$5,938

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