

ames



Product type Ceramic Objects

Materials

Black ceramic

Colours

black red

Country of origin

Colombia

Place of use

Commercial and Residental

Environment

Indoor and outdoor

Customise product

Please contact shop@amesliving.de for bespoke version

Design and inspiration

The Barro vases and trays are a collection of unique and high-quality ceramics made entirely by hand – from the clay digging to the application of the finishing glaze. All pieces have been designed by Sebastian Herkner, who was inspired by the antique jewellery exhibited in the Museo del Oro in Bogotá. The result is a rustic-elegant series, available in a rich black or earthy terracotta, perfect to create an eye-catching table setting or decorative arrangement on a sideboard.

About the designer

German designer Sebastian Herkner is a long-term collaborator of ames and has visited Colombia multiple times to experience the country's cities, nature and people first hand. He also visited many of the ateliers that ames has partnered with to learn about the unique traditional crafts of Colombia's regions. A sought-after contemporary designer and recipient of many industry awards, he has worked with many international design brands, creating intriguing pieces that showcase his intuition for interesting material, colour and texture combinations.





BARRO Tray 1 & 2

Technical Specifications

Barro Tray 1





Barro Tray 2





Dimensions (mm)

Tray 1 & 2
Mini
Height: 90
Ø: 250
Small
Height: 100
Ø: 320
Large
Height: 150
Ø: 440

Technical Specifications

BARRO Pot 1 & 2, Vase

Barro Pot 1



Ø: 170 mm

H: 200 mm

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H: 190 mm



H: 300 mm

Ø: 300 mm



Ø: 430 mm

Barro Pot 2



Ø: 170 mm



Ø: 300 mm



H: 450 mm

Ø: 430 mm

Dimensions (mm)

Pot 1 Mini Height: 200 Ø: 170

Small Height: 300 Ø: 300 Large Height: 400 Ø: 430

Pot 2 Mini

Height: 200 Ø: 170 Small Height: 300 Ø: 300

Ø: 300 Large Height: 450 Ø: 430

Vase Mini Height: 190 Ø: 160 Small Height: 280 Ø: 230 Large Height: 340

Ø: 310

Barro Vase



Ø: 160 mm



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H: 280

Ø: 230 mm



Ø: 310 mm



Technical Specifications

BARRO Ceramic

Packaging dimensions (H × W × D) (mm)

Tray 1 & 2
Mini
300 × 300 × 300
Small
538 × 538 × 260
Large
538 × 538 × 260

Pot 1 & 2 & Vase Mini 300 × 300 × 300 Small 538 × 538 × 400 Large 538 × 538 × 550

Item weight (kg)

Tray 1 & 2 Mini 2 Small 2,2 Large 5,4

Mini 2 Small 5,4 Large 9

Pot 1

Pot 2 Mini 2 Small 4,5 Large 12,3

Vase Mini 2 Small 3,6 Large

5,4

Craft and manufacturing

All our Barro products are made using techniques that can be traced back to pre-hispanic times, to the indigenous Pijaos and Panches people. From digging the naturally black clay to applying the finishing glaze, each step of the process is done entirely by hand.

Ames has partnered with two family-owned businesses in Tolima, a province that has been Colombia's centre for ceramic production for hundreds of years. A community of over 300 families work for these workshops, with specialists for each production stage.

The clay, which is being dug out by hand, is naturally black in this part of Columbia. In the workshops, the artisans use corn husks to shape the pieces. For the terracotta pieces, a liquid clay sourced from a region by the Rio Magdalena is then applied onto the vessels. This clay is rich in iron, hence the red colour.

Once water and clay have been mixed, the mixture is left to dry in the sun. This natural process requires stable weather conditions and air temperatures of more than 35 degrees Celsius. This is followed by the burnishing process druing which the craftspeople polish the ceramic with quartzstones to give the them their deep lustre. Finally, they are dried again in the sun before they are stored in open depot where they are smoked by burning horse manure.

Care instructions

All our ceramics are watertight as they are glazed internally. Please be careful leaving them outdoors during cold weather as internal cracks could appear. You can use the Barro Dining series to serve hot and cold dishes and can be used to cook. They should not be put in the oven or the microwave.

We recommend using a heat diffuser on a non-gas stove. The ceramics are not dishwasher-safe and should only be hand-washed. If you want to use the Barro pots as planters, do not put soil or compost directly into the vessel. The pots don't have a hole in the bottom, and the pressure of soil and water can break them. We recommend putting the plant in a smaller plastic pot and placing it onto a small plate on the bottom of the pot.

BARRO Tray 1





black 00ABAFTRM

red 00ABAFTRNM





black 00ABAFTRS

red 00ABAFTRNS





black 00ABAFTRL

red 00ABAFTRNL

BARRO Tray 2





black 00ABATTRM

red 00ABAFTRNM





black 00ABATTRS

red 00ABATTRNS





black 00ABATTRL

red 00ABATTRNL

BARRO Pot 1





black 00ABATP1M

red 00ABATP1NM





black 00ABATP1S

red 00ABATP1NS





black 00ABATP1L

red 00ABATP1NL

BARRO Pot 2





black 00ABATP2M

red 00ABATP2NM





black 00ABATP2S

red 00ABATP2NS





black 00ABATP2L

red 00ABATP2NL

BARRO Vase





black 00ABATVL



red 00ABATVNL