

CHISCAS Planters



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Product type

Planters

Materials

Fique, a tough natural fibre made from the leaves of the plant *Furcraea andina* (tropical agave)

Colours

sand beige/natural beige
guava pink/forest green
cocoa brown/earth brown
slate grey/grey melange
guava pink/terracotta red
earth brown/terracotta red
blueberry blue/dark blue

Country of origin

Colombia

Place of use

Commercial and
Residential

Environment

Indoor

Customise product

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Design and inspiration

¡Hola Chiscas! Charming, colourful and versatile, this new collection of planters and stools combines earthy, modern colours, traditional crocheting crafts and contemporary elegance. Designed by Sebastian Herkner, all pieces are made by hand in Colombia with the natural fibres of the fique palm, which grows in many regions in Latin America.

Sebastian Herkner chose the colours and pattern contrasts for the Chiscas series after visiting the stunning Sierra Nevada del Cocuy National Park with its incredible glaciers, rocky mountain formations and sparse highlands. Craftswomen crochet each piece with meticulous precision in the ames partner ateliers in Santander, translating the contrasts of the impressive landscapes of Sierra Nevada del Cocuy into soulful objects for your home or outdoor spaces.

The collection consists of planters in three sizes (each available in seven colour variations) as well as one small and one large stool (three colourways available).

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.

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Technical Specifications



Dimensions (mm)

Small
Height: 280
Ø: 330

Medium
Height: 400
Ø: 490

Large
Height: 560
Ø: 640

Packaging dimensions (H x W x D) (mm)

Small
250 x 455 x 455

Medium
260 x 590 x 590

Large
600 x 650 x 650

Item weight (kg)

Small
4

Medium
6

Large
10

Craft and manufacturing

Each Chiscas basket and stool is handcrafted in ames partner ateliers located in Santander, a Colombian province in the North East Andes. This region has a long-standing tradition of working with fibres made from the leaves of the fique plant. The production process is labour-intensive and requires a great deal of skill, taking several weeks to complete just one piece.

In a meticulous, manual process, the fibres are extracted from the palm leaves, then softened by repeatedly brushing them with a metal comb, washed and left to dry in the sun. Only then can they be spun into longer threads. The craftspeople use natural substances such as nuts, roots, and bark from trees that are native to the region to dye the fibres. The entire process takes about twenty to thirty days.

The women use crochet needles to make each model. At times, two artisans work on one piece simultaneously, as fique can be very inflexible. For Chiscas, the makers apply two different techniques to create the textural contrast, working between six to ten days on one stool or basket.

The amount of work required means that only a few products can be produced each month. Even in Colombia, this traditional handcrafting technique has become a rare skill, making Chiscas a particularly exclusive collection.

Care instructions

Some shedding will occur when vacuuming the rug, especially in the beginning. We recommend cutting loose threads with a scissor or pull them in with a crochet needle. Vacuum rug regularly. As the fibres have been dyed by hand, each model's colour varies slightly. To protect the colours, avoid exposing the product to direct sunlight over long periods and change its position regularly so the colours age evenly. We also recommend using an anti-slip underlay to reduce dust collection. Please protect these rugs from rain and wet conditions. Their surfaces can be wiped with a damp cloth.

They are heat and fire-resistant. Only use a professional rug cleaning service for the entire rug. The dimensions can vary minimally as each rug is made by hand.

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Planters Small



sand beige/natural beige
AMCBS-1



guava pink/forest green
AMCBS-2



cocoa brown/earth brown
AMCBS-3



slate grey/grey melange
AMCBS-4



guava pink/terracotta red
AMCBS-5



earth brown/terracotta red
AMCBS-6



blueberry blue/dark blue
AMCBS-7

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Planters Medium



sand beige/natural beige
AMCBM-1



guava pink/forest green
AMCBM-2



cocoa brown/earth brown
AMCBM-3



slate grey/grey melange
AMCBM-4



guava pink/terracotta red
AMCBM-5



earth brown/terracotta red
AMCBM-6



blueberry blue/dark blue
AMCBM-7

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Planters Large



sand beige/natural beige
AMCBL-1



guava pink/forest green
AMCBL-2



cocoa brown/earth brown
AMCBL-3



slate grey/grey melange
AMCBL-4



guava pink/terracotta red
AMCBL-5



earth brown/terracotta red
AMCBL-6



blueberry blue/dark blue
AMCBL-7