

# 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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for bespoke versions

## 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