# OJITOS Wall Decoration



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### **Product type**

Wall Decoration

### **Materials**

100 % natural fique agave, handwoven

### Colours

Andes

warm sand/blue lila warm sand/blue lila/blush pink/dark blue warm sand/white blue lila/honey yellow/yellow/olive green

### Pacifico

light blue/warm sand/black light blue/black/warm sand/blush pink black/dark blue/light blue black/light blue/warm sand/blush pink

### Tatacoas

blush pink/warm sand/ochre ochre/blush pink/blue lila/red ochre/blush pink/blue lila blush pink/ochre/yellow/blue lila

### Country of origin

Colombia

### Place of use

Commercial and Residental

### **Environment**

Indoor

### **Customise product**

Please contact shop@amesliving.de for bespoke versions

### **Design and inspiration**

The Ojitos are mesmerising wall decorations honouring Colombia's beauty and ancient crafts with an abstract motif designed by Mae Engelgee. Its colour compositions are inspired by the diverse nature of Colombia, with its rocky mountains, sandy deserts, lush rainforests and big rivers, which the Dutch designer translated into intriguing circular patterns. Using fibres from the leaves of the fique palm, artisans make each piece by hand using traditional techniques. The result is a piece of art that will elevate every space – not only with its extraordinary textures and colour combinations, but also the eye-catching size of up to 130 centimeters.

"Colombia is full of treasures", says Mae Engelgeer. "It has such diverse folklore, which I want to honour with these pieces. The Ojitos represent the colours of the country's diverse landscapes but are also a nod to local amulets used by ancient Colombian cultures to protect their houses. I saw the hand-woven objects ames already makes with similar techniques and wanted to really focus on the materials, creating wall pieces showing off the beauty of the craft. To me, they feel like wall jewels."

Ojitos is available in four sizes (see details) and three colour schemes.

### About the designer

Since opening her studio in 2013, Mae Engelgeer has been driven by her interest in craft techniques. Using yarns, colours, patterns and fabrics, she pushes the boundaries of textile production to adapt old methods for modern life. This approach is the reason that the collaboration with ames is so fruitful. Mae got to know the incredible talent of the Colombian craftspeople, who work with materials that are rarely used in rugs, for example, the fibres of the fique plant. And because the entire production relies on manual labour, all the fine details in Mae's design come across beautifully in the final product. Mae Engelgeer's works combine subtle colour palettes, patterns and linear elements. Complex compositions are brought to perfection and give rise to new harmonies.

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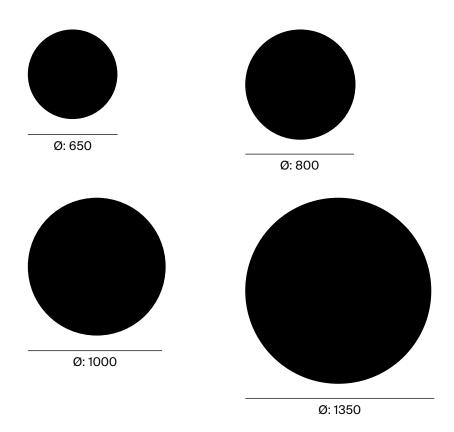


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### **Technical Specifications**

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### Dimensions (mm)

Ø: 650

Ø: 800

Ø: 1000

Ø: 1350

### Packaging dimensions (H × W × D) (mm)

Ø: 650

 $860 \times 850 \times 400$ 

Ø: 800

 $860 \times 850 \times 400$ 

Ø: 1000

1100 × 1100 × 350

Ø: 1350

1400 × 1400 × 350

### Item weight (kg)

Ø: 650

7

Ø: 800

8

Size 100 cm

12

Ø: 1000

16

### Craft and manufacturing

The methods the artesanos and artesanas – as the craftspeople are called in Colombia – use for the Ojitos have their roots in the traditional techniques for making baskets. Our partner ateliers are located in Boyaca, an Andes region, where these crafts have been used for centuries, and there's particular respect for these skills. Local, multi-generational families work on each piece, using the knowledge passed down to them from their ancestors.

They work with very thin strands of natural fibres made from the leaves of succulent plants, locally known as fique. These yarns are wrapped around bundles of straw to create the circles. The dyes used on the fibres have primarily natural ingredients, such as nuts, roots and bark from trees, all native to the region.

Each colour combination and pattern requires a different intricate technique, which ames had to develop in partnership with the artesanos over months until the desired quality was achieved.

The preparation of the fibres alone takes one week, while the actual crafting of one piece takes up to 45 days.

### Care instructions

Protect from damp conditions and only hang or store indoors. Clean if necessary with a slightly damp cloth, do not use any chemical cleaning products. To protect the colours, avoid exposing the product to direct sunlight over long periods. The fibres are heat and fire-resistant.

### OJITOS Andes







warm sand/blue lila 00AWAC65-1

warm sand/blue lila/ blush pink/dark blue 00AWAC80-1

warm sand/white 00AWAC100-1



blue lila/honey yellow/ yellow/olive green 00AWAC135-1

# **OJITOS** Pacifico







light blue/warm sand/black 00AWAC65-2

light blue/black/warm sand/ blush pink 00AWAC80-2

black/dark blue/light blue 00AWAC100-2



black/light blue/warm sand/ blush pink 00AWAC135-3

# **OJITOS**Tatacoas







blush pink/warm sand/ochre 00AWAC65-3

ochre/blush pink/blue lila/red 00AWAC80-3

ochre/blush pink/blue lila 00AWAC100-3



blush pink/ochre/yellow/blue lila 00AWAC135-2