



Design and inspiration

The striking Zenues rugs, a design by Sebastian Herkner, is inspired by old Colombian civilisations. When visiting the jewellery museum in Bogota, the designer discovered the gold works by the Zenu culture, which are decorated with so-called Narigeura symbols.

These peoples lived in the Caribbean plains, through which the three large rivers Magdalena, Cauca and San Jorge flow. Routinely they'd flood the fields so the Zenúes built a vast system of channels covering more than 500,000 hectares, controlling the flow of the water, so that people and harvest would be protected. These landscapes inspired first the goldsmiths of the Zenúes – and now Sebastian Herkner.

"These graphic objects have intrigued me for quite a while. Their symbolism is so narrative and expressive", says the designer. The result: a subtle, yet striking, wool rug with various pile depths in a gentle crème white.

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.

Product type Rug

Materials 100 % natural virgin wool

Colours Natural monochrom

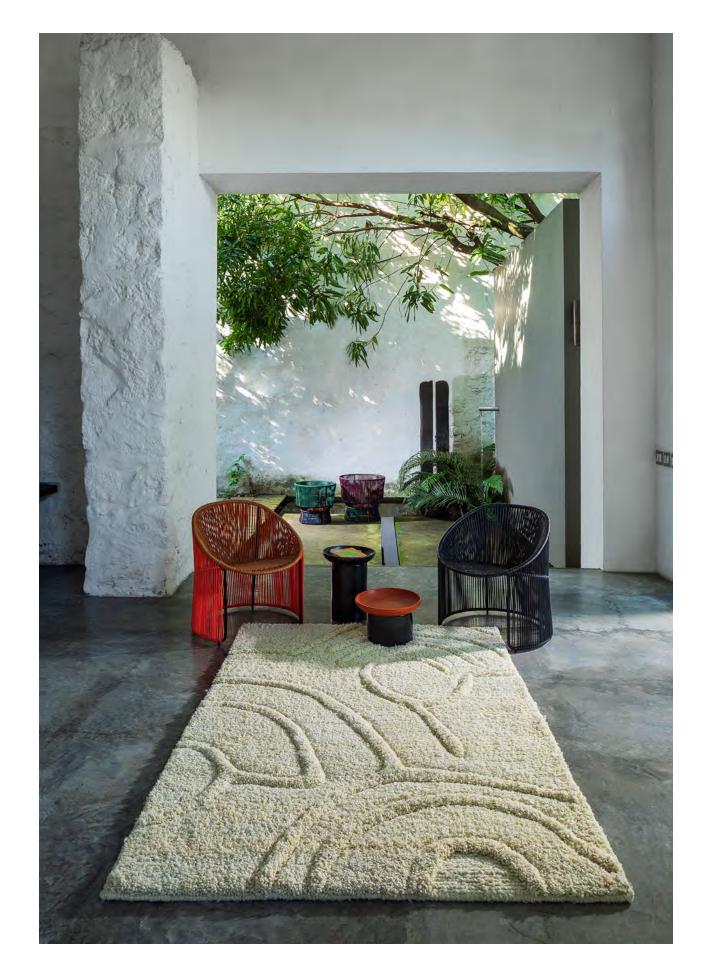
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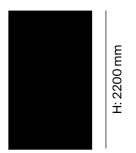
Place of use Residental

Environment Indoor

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W: 1600 mm



H: 3000 mm

W: 2000 mm

Dimensions (mm)

Rug Small Height: 2200 Width: 1600 Rug Large Height: 3000 Width: 2000

Packaging dimensions

(Ø× L) (mm) Rug Small 300 × 1700 Rug Large 500 × 2100

Item weight (kg)

Rug Small 15 Rug Large 20

Craft and manufacturing

Each rug is woven with natural virgin wool on traditional looms in ateliers in the Colombian Andes. The 'channels' of the monochrome rugs are by shaved hand into the pile and it takes the craftspeople four weeks to complete one rug.

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 on a low suction setting to prevent lint buildup. 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. Only use a professional rug cleaning service for the entire rug. Each rug is woven by hand, so the dimensions and can vary minimally. Do not alter it yourself, as this could damage the knotting.

Technical Specifications



natural monochrom 00AKNRS-1



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