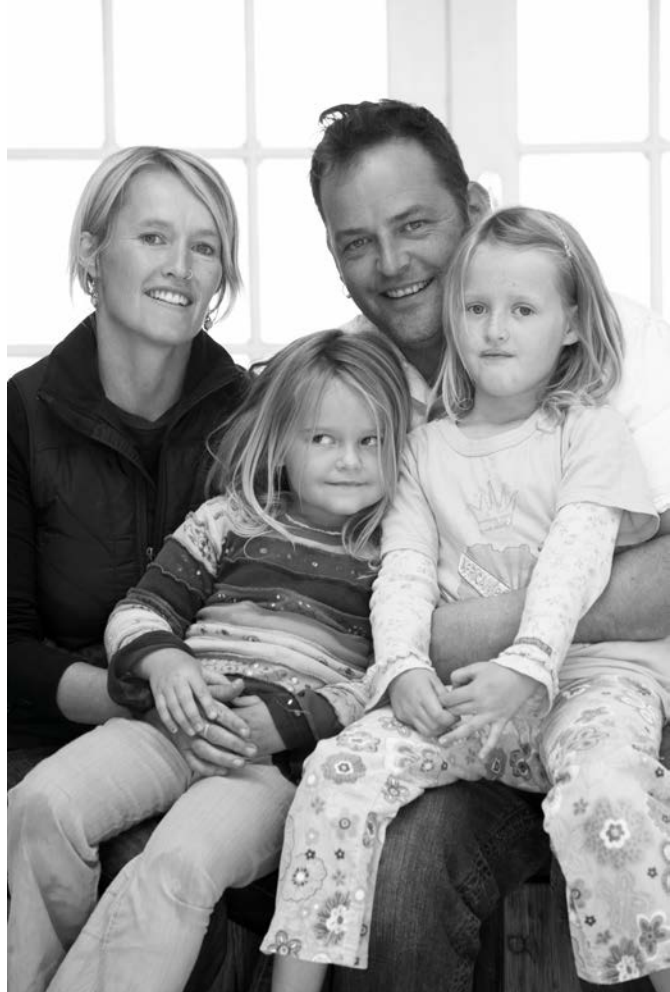




MUD STUDIO

Gasoline for your soul



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SOUTH AFRICA

"I don't really understand design but I do like beautiful things... practical things, and designs that evoke emotion..."

A family affair

Literally born out of the earth, the majestic chandeliers exuding rustic charm from Mud Studio are made up of over 6000 handmade clay beads, formed from the surrounding South African soil and handcrafted in partnership with artisans from the local communities.

Inspired by the landscape and nature, the ceramic beads are made from recycled clay, and wire-wrapped, strung and styled around handmade wire frames in an intensive collaborative process lasting over a week and a half, and passing through the hands of approximately 25 people.

Mud Studio was started in 1999 by Philippa du Toit, and having met her husband, Werner in the same year, together the couple has gone on to build a successful studio.

Werner is Mud Studio's head designer and responsible for developing products like the company's signature chandeliers. Werner studied graphic design at a local art school and after a period of five years working in the industry first in Johannesburg and then London, returned to South Africa to follow his passion of working with clay. It was at a clay supplier shortly after his return that he met Philippa.





"The driving force behind Werner's designs is the need for beauty in the things that surround us, and when creating Mud Studio's collections is inspired by "practical things, yet designs that evoke emotion.."

The designs produced include dinnerware, furniture and décor; utilizing production processes that adapt to suit the projects at hand, with in-house teams ranging from two to forty people depending on the need.

RALPH LAUREN

The Ralph Lauren shop in New York -
The Original Mud Chandelier ©

Mud Studio also works with other designers whose styles complement the company's aesthetic.

Mud Studio's elegant and earthy designs are sold all over the world. And in the face of growing international demand the couple have resisted the pressures to employ mass-production techniques, instead preferring to continue working with their local communities.

Our vision is to continue to provide employment and transfer skills in an environment where unemployment and poverty is very high. This is proving to be increasingly difficult and challenging in these economic times.



"We don't really do any special techniques except special hands as every single item is hand made."



The Haymarket Hotel,
the Shooting Gallery,
London
Designer Kit Kemp



Sirai House,
Kenya
Designer FoxBrown Creative

Mud Studio, started in 1999 as a small but effective poverty alleviation project, our Main goal was job creation and skill transfer an environment where unemployment was high, today Mud has grown into an internationally renowned studio, specialising in handmade items .Mud has been exporting to several countries in the last 15 years our products are found in the worlds most prestigious and high end boutique stores around the world. Our products have been showcased in Ralph Lauren, The Conran Shop, Anthropologie, Museum of Art and Design in New York and numerous boutique stores all over the world. It has since grown into an internationally acclaimed studio.

Mud's products are currently exported to United Kingdom, United States, Australia, France, Holland, Italy and numerous African countries. We has since also started two of our own poverty alleviation projects using our recycled clays form the studio thus reducing our carbon footprint.

Mud Studio has since started Menwana Beads, which is a Rural Community, based project, which is 100%, owned by its members and who manufacturer hand crafted beads from the studios recycled clay. We strive to design and produce products with humanitarian and environmentally friendly principals and products with a conscience. Everything is stone ware fired and is microwave and dishwasher safe.

Our world famous Original Mud Chandelier© started as one of these projects to reduce our carbon footprint using our waste yet create sustainable jobs, especially jobs that needed no skills, this little project of our has grown in to many different locations and we currently buy back our waste clays rolled into beads from as many as 7 different locations, this is sometimes very seasonal and this number grows as we need or as our orders increase

All the beads we use is hand rolled using recycled clay from our studio, Werner designed the first original mud chandelier© in 2005 which to this day resides in the big old tree in the garden.

Our iconic original mud chandelier© uses more than 4000 hand rolled clay beads, fired to stoneware which renders the clay resistant to moisture and mould, this chandelier is pretty indestructible, each chandelier passes thru approximately 26 peoples hands before it get to the client

The original mud chandelier© has been voted one of the Top50 designs to shape our world it has been exhibited in the museum of art and design in New York and graces the homes of the worlds rich and famous.

Mud has a wide range of expertise with product development, project management, master planning and design. We have facilitated, planned, designed, products that rival European and American counterparts with our skills and Award winning designs.

We are a strong, versatile, highly productive small sized company, unburdened by the large overhead costs carried by major companies. Mud's company policies and practices enable us to deliver projects entrusted to us on time and within budget via a very enjoyable working relationship.

If you require any further discussion or information about material contained in this Company Profile, then please don't hesitate to contact us.

We wish to be of service to you in the very near future.

Mud Studio Links

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/mud_studio/

Wescover: <https://www.wescover.com/creator/mud-studio-south-africa>

ETSY: [https://www.etsy.com/shop/dAfriqueAvecAmour?
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the Original Mud
Chandelier ©

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Name: Large Ivory Chandelier

Size: 100Øcm x 135cm h

39.37"Ø x 53.15"h

Colour: Ivory

Weight: 30kg

Medium: Steel with stoneware handmade clay beads
with glass crystal



Name: Medium Anthracite Chandelier

Size: 85Øcm x 110cm h

33.4"Ø x 43.31"h

Colour: Antracite

Weight: 25kg

Medium: Steel with stoneware handmade clay beads
with glass crystal



Name: Small Ivory Chandelier

Size: 65Øcm x 75cm h

25.9"Ø x 29.53"h

Colour: Ivory

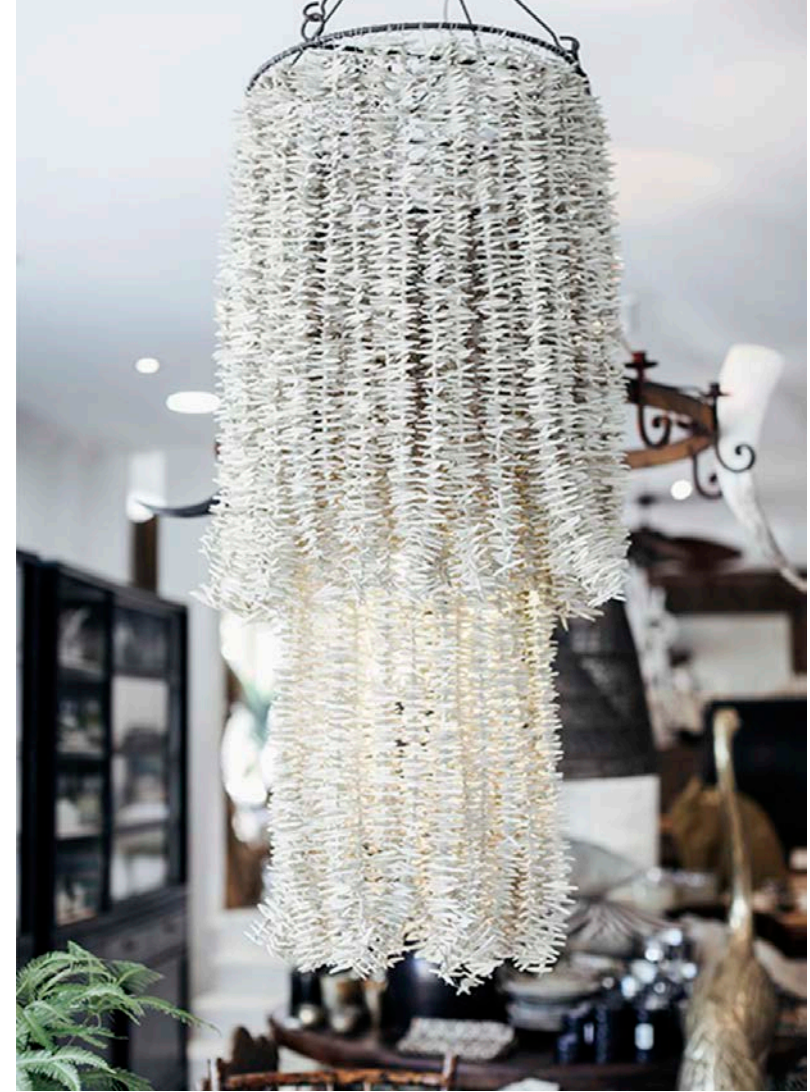
Weight: 15kg

Medium: Steel with stoneware handmade clay beads
with glass crystal



Mud Tiered Custom Chandeliers

customizable



Name: Beaded three Tier Chandelier
Project: Sydney Australia
Size: 100Øcm x 200cm h
39.37"Ø x 78.74"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: 55kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay beads

Name: Palm leaf three Tier
Chandelier
Project: Seychelles
Size: 150Øcm x 160cm h
59"Ø x 62.99"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: 65kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay beads

Name: Spikey two Tier Chandelier
Project: Sydney Australia
Size: 30Øcm x 100cm h
11,81"Ø x 39.37"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: 15kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay beads



Name: Tile three Tier Chandelier

Project: Bahamas

Size: 150Øcm x 250cm h

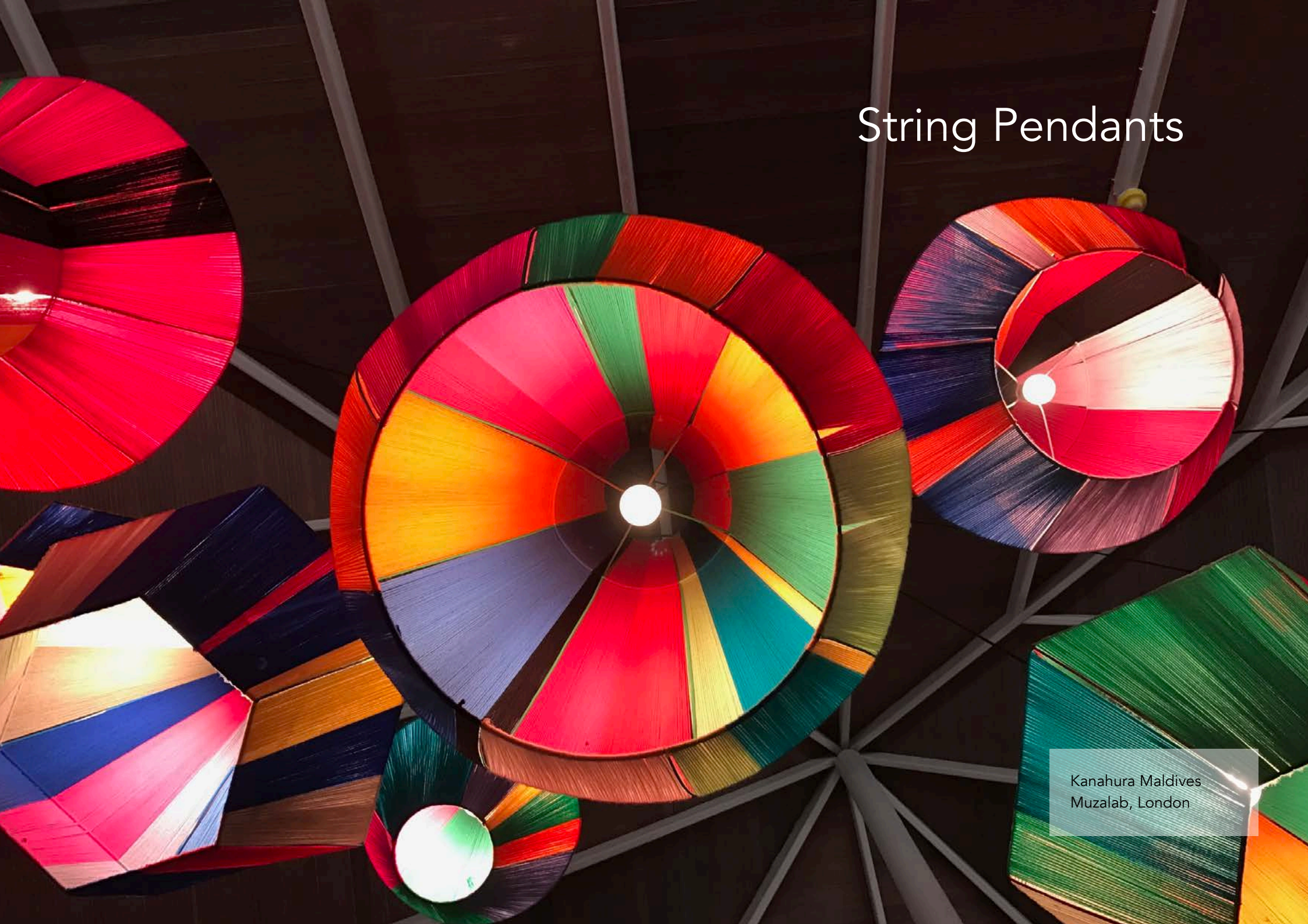
59"Ø x 98"h

Colour: custom colors (7)

Weight: 89kg

Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware coloured clay tiles with colored wire

String Pendants



Kanahura Maldives
Muzalab, London

Name: String Pendants
Project: Kanahura Maldives
Size: 50Øcm x 70cm h
20"Ø x 30"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 5kg
Medium: Steel with hemp and bamboo yarn

String Pendants are made to order to suit each project this fully customizable pendant is hand strung on a steel frame , suitable for tented camps due to its lightweight construction

Perfect pendant for shopping malls during holiday seasons as its is a cheap but very effective installation piece that is extremely visible.

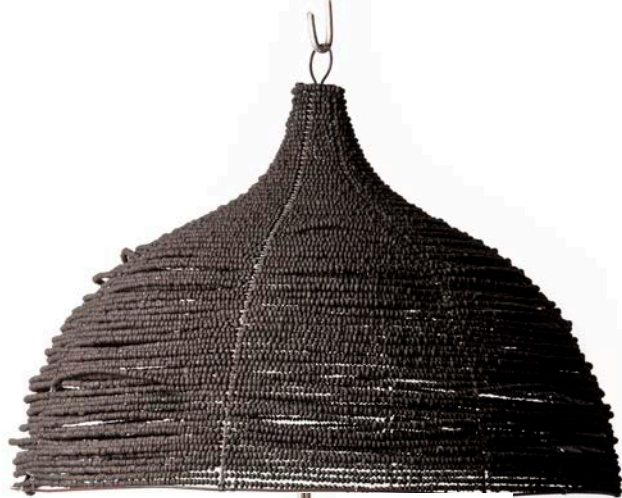
Name: String Pendants
Project: Salute Lodge Botswana
Size: 70Øcm x 50cm h
30"Ø x 20"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 5kg
Medium: Steel with hemp and bamboo yarn



Mud Beaded Domes



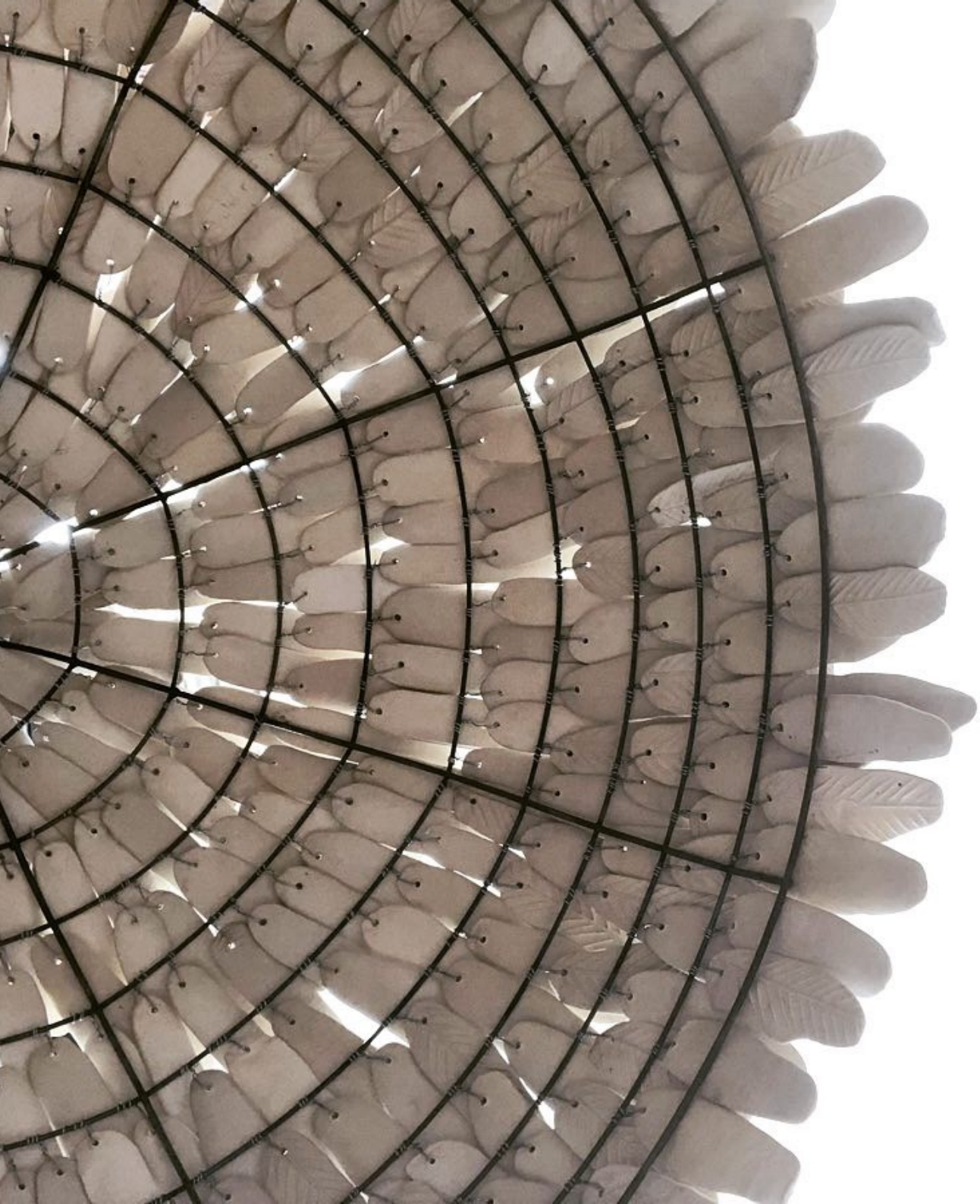
Name: Beaded Domes
Project: multi
Size: 80Øcm x 55cm h
31"Ø x 21.65"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 30kg
Medium: Steel with handmade stoneware clay beads



Name: Beaded Domes
Project: multi
Size: 60Øcm x 43cm h
23.6"Ø x 16.9"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 20kg
Medium: Steel with handmade stoneware clay beads



Name: Beaded Domes
Project: multi
Size: 42Øcm x 36cm h
16,54"Ø x 14.17"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 15kg
Medium: Steel with handmade stoneware clay beads



Name: Large Thatch Domes
Project: multi
Size: 87Øcm x 56cm h
34"Ø x 22"h
Colour: Ivory , anthracite or custom
Weight: 35kg
Medium: Steel with stoneware leaves

Name: Medium Thatch Domes
Project: multi
Size: 65Øcm x 43cm h
25,59"Ø x 16.93"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 25kg
Medium: Steel with stoneware leaves

Name: Small Thatch Domes
Project: multi
Size: 47Øcm x 36cm h
18,5"Ø x 14"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 15kg
Medium: Steel with stoneware leaves





Leaf Pods @ sho kiev

Name: Large Leaf pod
Project: multi
Size: 50Øcm x 200cm h
20"Ø x 78.74"h
Colour: Ivory , anthracite or custom
Weight: 45kg
Medium: Steel with stoneware leaves



Name: Medium Thatch Domes
Project: multi
Size: 40Øcm x 180cm h
15,75"Ø x 70.87"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 30kg
Medium: Steel with stoneware leaves



Name: Small Thatch Domes
Project: multi
Size: 30Øcm x 120cm h
11.81"Ø x 47"h
Colour: Multi
Weight: 15kg
Medium: Steel with stoneware leaves





Beads

Name: Beaded pods
Project: All
Size: Large 30 Øcm x 130cm h
11.81"Ø x 51.18"h
Small 20 Øcm x 90cm h
7.87"Ø x 35.43"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: 10<kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay beads

Beaded pods and nests

Name: Beaded Pebble Large
Project: All
Size: 60> Øcm x 40cm h
23>”Ø x 15.75”h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >10kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay beads

Name: Beaded Pebble Medium
Project: All
Size: 55> Øcm x 30cm h
21.65”Ø x 11.82”h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >7kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay beads

Name: Beaded Pebble Small
Project: All
Size: 40> Øcm x 25cm h
15,75”Ø x 9.84”h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >5kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay beads



Beaded Pebble



Messy Pod



Name: Messy pillar pod tiered
Project: All
Size: Large 25 Øcm x 110cm h
Large 9,84"Ø x 43.31"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: 10<kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay leaves



Name: Messy pillar pod straight
Project: All
Size: Large 20 Øcm x 63cm h
7.87"Ø x 24"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: 10<kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay leaves



Name: Messy pod large custom
Project: All
Size: 70 x 90
Colour: Ivory
Weight: custom
Medium: Steel with Handmade
stoneware clay leaves



Name: Paco three Tier Chandelier

Project: multi

Size: 50Øcm x 110cm h
19.69"Ø x 43.31"h

Colour: Ivory

Weight: 15kg

Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware
clay tiles wire and ceramic leaves

Name: Paco three Tier Chandelier

Project: Natures Valley

Size: 100Øcm x 60cm h
39"Ø x 23.6"h

Colour: Ivory

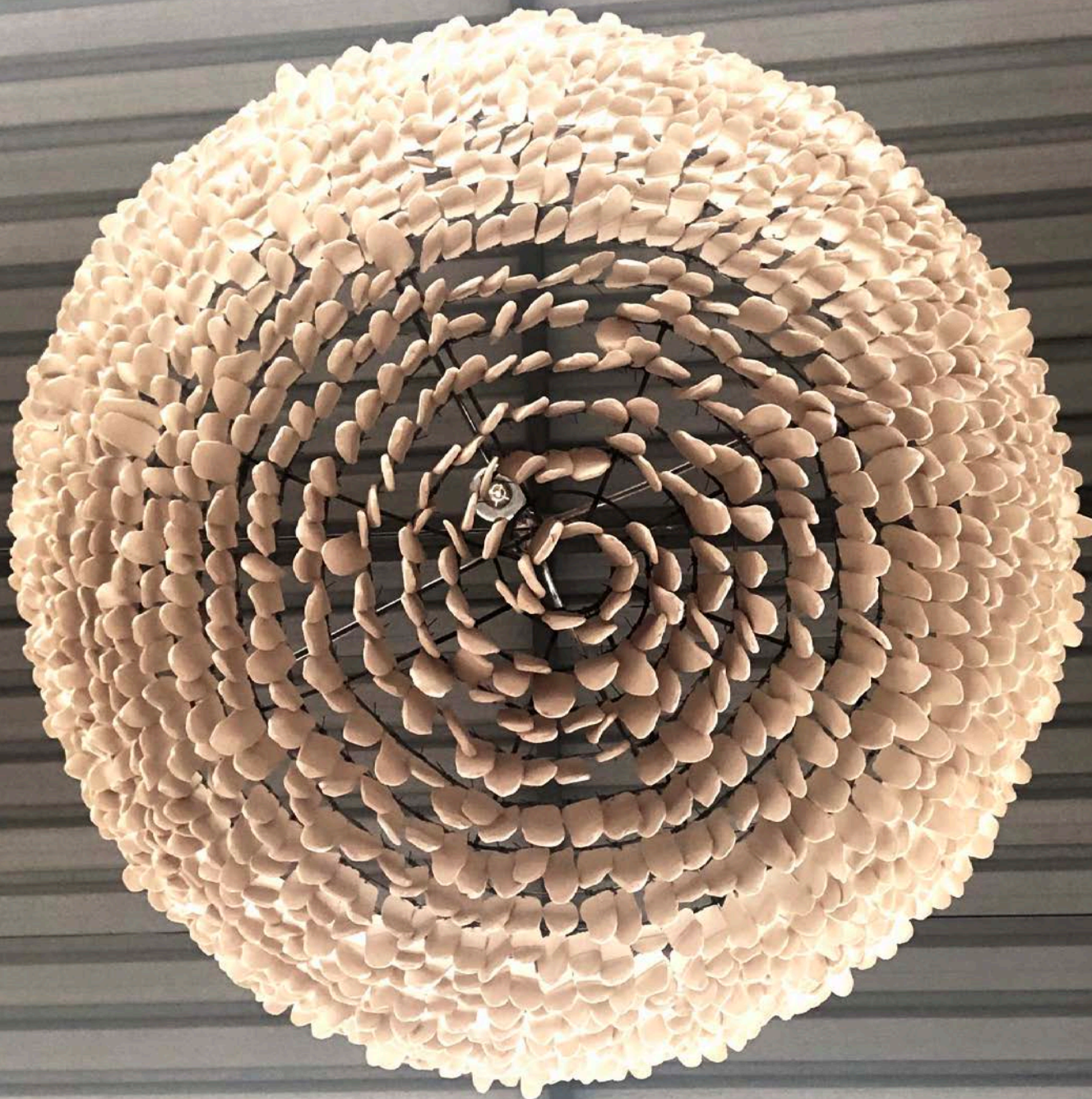
Weight: 30kg

Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay tiles wire
and ceramic leaves

Paco



Coupe d'or



Name: CoupeD'or
Project: All
Size: Large 120 Øcm x >100cm h
Large 48"Ø x 40"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >45kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay leaves

Name: CoupeD'or
Project: All
Size: Large 100 Øcm x >90cm h
Large 40"Ø x 35.4"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >35kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay leaves

Name: CoupeD'or
Project: All
Size: Large 80 Øcm x >80cm h
31.5"Ø x 31,5"h
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >25kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay leaves

Name: CoupeD'or
Project: All
Size: Large 40 Øcm x >35cm h
15.75" x13,78
Colour: Ivory
Weight: >15kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay leaves



Beaded Vases

Name: Beaded Vases

Project: little Kulala, Namibia

Size: 50Øcm x 220cm h 20"Ø x 86"h

50Øcm x 200cm h 20"Ø x 78"h

50Øcm x 180cm h 20"Ø x 70"h

45Øcm x 160cm h 17"Ø x 63"h

Colour: Ivory or antracite

Weight: >90kg

Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay beads



Name: Beaded Stool

Project: Multi

Size: 50Øcm x 50cm h

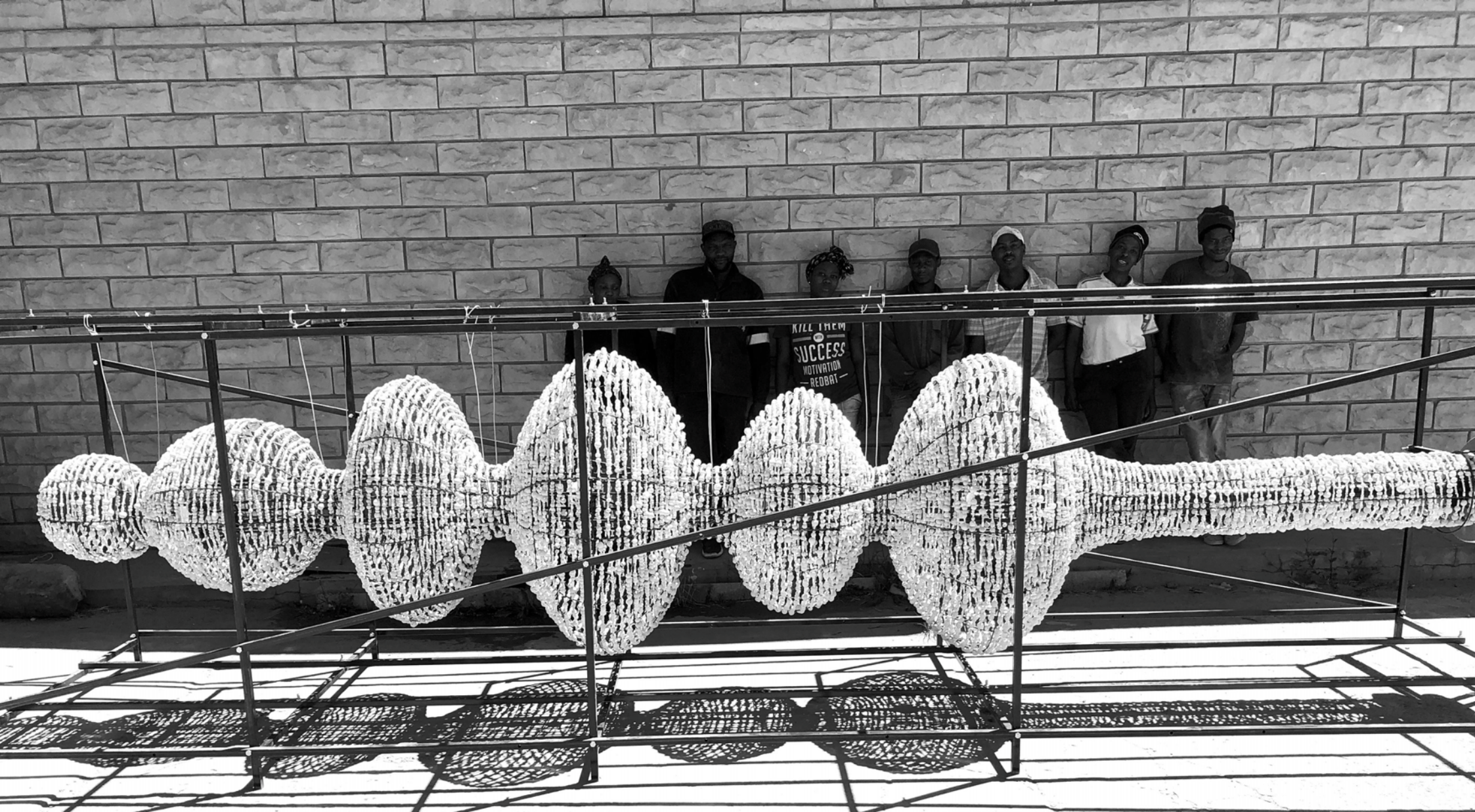
20"Ø x 20"h

Colour: Ivory or antracite

Weight: >20kg

Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay beads





Name: Beaded Lantern
Project: Dulce, Sitges, Spain
Size: 150Øcm x 500cm h
60"Ø x 200"h
Colour: Ivory or antracite
Weight: >300kg
Medium: Steel with Handmade stoneware clay beads
designer: Jessica Vicièdo