



MICTLAN COLLECTION
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According to mythology, the legend of the Fifth Sun, after her arrival and long journey through nine regions of the underworld or Mictlán, the creation of humans was drawing nearer. Chuacóatl took the bones of the ancient inhabitants of the earth and ground them to create the new Mexicas, her children. In addition to being the mother of gods and the creator of humans, Cihuacóatl is associated with the fertility of the earth, making her one of the most important deities as she provided our ancestors with raw materials for their creations.

Each piece is hand sculpted and evokes the idea of bringing raw materials to life, paralleling the craftsmanship that turns natural fibers into expressive, dynamic forms. The aim is to create a fusion that embodies a contemporary design while honoring Mexico's cultural heritage and artisan hand- craft. Natural, sustainable and recycled materials utilized and fused together in a unique way to achieve hard, soft and sculptural forms.

The art of cartonería or more commonly known as Pinatas, originally began as clay pots and was a tradition practiced in Meso-american cultures for hundreds of years. Made from humble, recycled paper and reinforced with resin for durability, each piece is hand sculpted to emulate the ground bones of the ancient inhabitants of earth.

Much like the mythological Cihuacóatl, this tale of creation and metamorphosis informs Marinelli's new collection. The collection is a celebration of culture, art, and tradition. It is a bridge between the ancient and the contemporary, a testament to the talent and passion of those who, with love and dedication, transform materials into tangible poetry. By welcoming this collection into your home, you are not just acquiring a design element but a piece of the Mexican soul, rich in history, beauty, and creativity.

Marinelli's WORKS are defined by their elegant simplicity and 'experimentation' with materials, textures and colors, a process of letting go and allowing the materials to express their own truth. These inherent qualities are enhanced through the touch of skilled artisans, transforming each piece into a functional work of art.

Each work in the Mictlán the collection is handcrafted in Mexico and is customizable upon request.





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