

ZIPA Rug



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Product type

Rug

Materials

100% natural virgin wool

Colours

brown beige/dark grey/light grey
honey yellow/grey blue/beige red
soft pink/dark green/orange

Country of origin

Colombia

Place of use

Commercial and
Residential

Environment

Indoor

Customise product

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Design and inspiration

A colourful statement rug design by Sebastian Herkner joins the ames collection. The German designer found the inspiration for the rug's irregular pattern and organic shape when travelling through the Colombian Andes with ames founder Ana Maria Calderon Kayser. They visited the famous Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, which is built in the tunnels of a former salt mine 200 metres underneath a mountain. Dramatically illuminated, religious carvings decorate the walls, glimmering in many colours and creating abstract reflections – which Sebastian Herkner transformed into the hand-tufted patterns of the Zipa rugs.

“Seeing the cathedral was such a unique experience. The interaction between salt crystals and the light, the glistening of the light rays and the colour reflections, they all created something mystical”, recalls Sebastian Herkner of his visit. “That’s why I wanted the patterns of the Zipa rugs to feel almost alive, capturing the reflections, unique colours and crystal-like shapes. In a way, light has its own creativity and always keeps moving – and that’s what I express with these rugs.”

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

Width: 1400, Depth: 1900

Medium

Width: 1400, Depth: 3000

Large

Width: 2000, Depth: 2500

Packaging dimensions

(H x W x D) (mm)

1200 x 800 x 500

Item weight (kg)

Small

9

Medium

14

Large

16

Craft and manufacturing

Each rug is made from natural virgin wool and manufactured in small workshops in the Colombian city of Cajicá, where the local craftsmen and craftswoman still know traditional weaving and knotting techniques. Made entirely by hand, it takes a week to prepare and dye the wool, while the knotting of the actual rug takes depending on the size between two to four weeks – each individual warp and weft is interlaced by an artisan.

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.

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00ACHIRS-2



soft pink/dark green/orange
00ACHIRS-3



brown beige/dark grey/light grey
00ACHIRM-1



honey yellow/grey blue/beige red
00ACHIRM-2



soft pink/dark green/orange
00ACHIRM-3



brown beige/dark grey/light grey
00ACHIRL-1



honey yellow/grey blue/beige red
00ACHIRL-2



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