

Press release

ames presents new textile accessories by designer Mae Engelgeer

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The German-Colombian design brand ames continues the collaboration with textile designer Mae Engelgeer and presents new rug, cushion and throw collections.

The Dutch designer shares the values that define ames: a passion for traditional craftsmanship and an interest in progressive shapes that manifest in Engelgeer's intuition for modern colour harmonies and abstract graphic patterns.

Her new rugs, cushions and throws combine natural fibres with shimmering metal fibres in gold, silver and copper.

The intricate patterns showcase the skills of the Colombian artesanos, the talented crafts people who produce the products in small workshops. Ana María Calderón Kayser, founder and managing director of ames, is excited to continue the collaboration with Mae Engelgeer: "Mae captures Colombia's rich and diverse heritage, infusing it into her textile designs. Her latest creations share a subtle glamour, elevated by the shimmering yarns. Every single piece is unique as it's made entirely by hand."

Fairytale rugs

Uilas noche is an extension of the popular uilas rug series. Lustrous metallic yarns in copper, gold and silver intersperse the mix of black fique fibres and natural wool, adding a sophisticated touch. The idea for the design came to Engelgeer when reading the tales of the legendary city El Dorado, which adventurers hoped to find in the North of South America. The shimmering yarns pop up on the darker background like the stars on Colombia's night sky. The indoor rug is available in two colour combinations and three sizes.

Cushions that tell a story

Fine metallic yarns also add a spark to the cotton and fique mix of the new **chumbe cushions**. For inspiration, Mae Engelgeer studied the Chumbe Inga, a traditional piece of clothing featuring symbols woven into the fabric that honour the history and culture of Colombia. Mae translates this heritage into abstract, intricate textured patterns that are woven by hand. The cushions are available in two colour combinations (featuring different patterns on front and back) and in three sizes plus a large seating cushion.

Charming throws with tassels

The new **chumbe throws** bring Colombia's warmth into the living room, featuring gentle pastel hues and natural beige tones. The abstract, graphic patterns have been woven into the wool fabric that is interspersed with metallic yarns in gold and silver. Playful tassels

decorate two sides of the handmade throws and accentuate the complex texture, which is the result of combining fine and thick yarns. The throws are available in two colourways and are perfect for cozying up on a sofa but can also liven up any room as a bed throw. The top side features a rod pocket so it can be used as a curtain or wall decoration.

About ames

Discovering the beauty of Colombia - that's the mission ames set out to create a unique collection of furniture, textiles and accessories that are distributed globally. Founded in 2006 by Ana Maria Calderón Kayser in Koblenz, Germany, the brand collaborates with renown designers including Sebastian Herkner and Pauline Deltour to create products full of life and personality that capture the colours and materials of Colombia's remarkable landscapes. All products are produced in small, family-owned workshops that use traditional methods and are almost exclusively made from natural materials. Ames values sustainable production methods, fair wages and the promotion of local craftsmanship to help keeping the traditions and skills of the artesanos alive for future generations.

You can download the full press kit including all new collections via our new [press platform](#).

Since July, ames is managing all press inquiries inhouse. If you have any more questions or want to request an interview, please contact press@ames-living.de