




Mifuko®

Home decor
SS 2022 Collection

Work of hands and hearts

The idea of Mifuko was born amongst the colourful bustle of a market in Nairobi, Kenya, where Finnish designers and close friends Minna Impiö and Mari Martikainen were visiting. In 2009, Minna and Mari founded Mifuko with a clear goal: combine Nordic design and traditional African handicraft skills in a social enterprise that benefits rural Kenya.

Mifuko's mission is to bring joy to our customers while improving the welfare of communities in rural Africa and nurturing traditional African craftsmanship. We are guided by our core values of uniqueness, joy and responsibility. These values are reflected in every aspect of our business and in the work that artisans do for Mifuko and for their communities.

All Mifuko products are handmade and signed by the artisan who made it. By purchasing a Mifuko product, you become an essential part of our mission.

WFTO certified member

Mifuko is a proud member of World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO). As a WFTO guaranteed member, Mifuko is committed to putting people and the planet first, adhering to the Fair Trade Principles. We consistently strive to apply them to their fullest in everything we do.

Mifuko Trust

Mifuko Trust is a non-profit organisation founded in 2012 to further support the social mission of Mifuko. A fully independent organisation, Mifuko Trust works with over two dozen self-help groups, positively impacting the lives of some 3,500 women, men and children in the region.

Through donations and development projects, all in close cooperation with local communities, Mifuko Trust has helped bring meaningful change, from planting trees to building ecological dry toilets.



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Wooden spoons



Soup spoon

WL51000

Jacaranda wood

Price 10 € (24 € RRP)

W7 x L31 cm

*RRP = Recommended retail price
Prices do not include applicable taxes*



Salad servers

WS51000

Jacaranda wood

Price 17 € (43 € RRP)

W6 x L28 cm

Soap dishes



Soap dish A

SDA8118
Soapstone

Price 10 € (25 € RRP)

H4.8 x W12 x L8.5 cm



Soap dish B

SDB8118
Soapstone

Price 10 € (25 € RRP)

H3.3 x W10 x L7.5 cm

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Kandili candle holders







Kandili A

SKU CA8110
Soapstone

Price 15 €
(38 € RRP)

H6 x W11 cm

Kandili B

SKU CB8110
Soapstone

Price 21 €
(53 € RRP)

H15 x W11 cm

Kandili C

SKU CC8110
Soapstone

Price 19 €
(48 € RRP)

H10 x W12 cm



Kandili D

SKU CD8110
Soapstone

Price 21 €
(53 € RRP)

H10 x W11 cm

Kandili E

SKU CE8110
Soapstone

Price 19 €
(48 € RRP)

H8 x 10 cm

Ornaments



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Price 3,50 € (8 € RRP)

Minimum order 10 pcs per SKU

H3 x W6 cm



Yellow owl

SKU 2113
Jacaranda tree
Satin ribbon



Black owl

SKU 2111
Jacaranda tree
Satin ribbon



Red owl

SKU 2110
Jacaranda tree
Satin ribbon



White owl

SKU 2112
Jacaranda tree
Satin ribbon



Price 3.50 € (8 € RRP)

Minimum order 10 pcs per SKU

H3 x W10 cm



Firefinch

SKU 2105
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Superb starling

SKU 2107
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Robin chat

SKU 2106
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Bee eater

SKU 2115
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Price 3.50 € (8 € RRP)

Minimum order 10 pcs per SKU

H4 x W8 cm



Great tit

SKU 2102
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Coal tit

SKU 2108
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Bullfinch

SKU 2101
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Jackdaw

SKU 2103
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Price 3.50 € (8 € RRP)

Minimum order 10 pcs per SKU

H6.5 x W3.5 cm



Penguin

SKU 2114
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



White Bunny

SKU 2104
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Price 3.50 € (8 €RRP)

Minimum order 10 pcs per SKU

H3 x W10 cm



Lilac-breasted roller

SKU 2116
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Price (XS) 5.50 € (13 € RRP)

Minimum order 5 pcs per SKU

H10.5 x W11 cm

Price (S) 9.50 € (23 € RRP)

Minimum order 5 pcs per SKU

H16.5 x W18 cm



Star XS

SKU S6218

Ceramic

Satin ribbon



Star S

SKU S6318

Ceramic

Satin ribbon



Price (XS) 5.50 € (13 € RRP)

Minimum order 5 pcs per SKU

H12 x W11 cm

Price (S) 9.50 € (23 € RRP)

Minimum order 5 pcs per SKU

H18 x W22 cm



Star XS

SKU S5210
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Star S

SKU S5310
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Price 3.7 € (8 € RRP)

Minimum order 10 pcs per SKU

H4 x W10 cm



Natural bird

SKU 2020
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Dove

SKU 2021
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon



Carved bird

SKU 2022
Jacaranda wood
Satin ribbon

Our artisans and materials

Painted ornaments

In a small family workshop near Nairobi, Kenya, husband and wife duo Nicodemus and Cecilia, along with their helpers Benjamin and David, work diligently to create Mifuko's painted decorative birds. All four artisans were trained by the parents of Nicodemus. The ornaments they make for Mifuko helps them support and educate their four children and care for their grandparents.

The delicate wood birds are painted with water-based acrylic colours and varnish. The small workshop wastes nothing. Every last drop is used to create the beautiful decorative birds.

Each bird goes through a meticulous process to produce the best result. Freshly fallen branches from jacaranda trees are carefully selected to avoid dry or cracked limbs. While the branches are still soft, they are cut and carved into birds and then dried before sanding.

Many hours of work go into each bird. First the paints are mixed and tested before application to get the colouring just right. Once painted, each bird gets six coats of clear varnish with time to dry between each application. When a bird is ready, it is first checked for quality at the workshop, then again by Mifuko's team in Kenya, and once more by Mifuko at the warehouse in Finland.

The painted ornaments – cute little owls, adorable bunnies and penguins, and colourful native birds of Finland and Kenya – are all designed by Mifuko.



“Crafting is in our backbone. It means everything to us and is how we earn our living. We enjoy making quality birds and are proud of our work. Big orders are important so we can employ many people.”

*Cecilia and Nicodemus
Muindi*

Natural wood crafts

Through Made51, Mifuko collaborates with Kapya Kitungwa and his workshop to produce ornamental wooden birds. Kapya is a Congolese refugee artisan living in Nairobi, Kenya. His workshop employs other refugees living in the area.

The beautifully hand-crafted ornaments and utensils are carved from fallen branches of the jacaranda tree. Each is carefully finished without chemical treatment, bringing out the natural colour of the wood while ensuring safety in any setting.

All wood ornaments and utensils are designed by Mifuko.



“ I told [my father], ‘I want to do this,’” recalled Kapya, 44, who was forced to flee the Democratic Republic of the Congo and now lives in Kenya. “He would make something, then I would make something. That’s how he taught me.”

Kapya Kitungwa

Ceramics

A workshop specializing in ceramics was founded by self-taught artisan Francis Ogena in 2010 in Nairobi. Mifuko has had a long and joyful relationship with Francis. His workshop supports the local community by bringing in and training young and unemployed members of the community, especially those that are marginalized. In addition to teaching valuable skills, the workshop provides workers good toilet facilities and clean water, essentials that are still rare in many parts of Kenya.

The ceramic material is mixed from clay that the workers gather from a local riverbed. Ornaments and other items are shaped by hand, glazed and fired to give a glossy finish.

All ceramic ornaments are designed by Mifuko.

Soapstone

Mifuko soapstone products are carved by soapstone artisans in western Kenya near Lake Victoria, the heart of Kenyan soapstone crafts. In addition to ensuring artisans are paid according to fair trade principles, the workshop supports the village where the artisans live through projects to improve living conditions for families and the whole community.

Quarried from nearby hills, the raw soapstone is excavated by hand from pits dug with picks and shovels. Afterwards, the pits are filled in to minimize impact on the landscape. Once carved, the artisans smooth the rough edges of the soapstone candle holders with wet sandpaper.

Each hand-carved item has its own unique character. The natural, white cream hue of the soapstone features marbling with shades of pink, brown or yellow.

Soap dishes are designed by Mifuko and the Kandili candle holder series Soap dishes have been designed by Mifuko and the Kandili candle holder series has been designed by award-winning Finnish designer Hanna Anonen. Each candle holder is beautiful on its own or they can be stacked with the same or other models, giving you a wide range of presentation options.



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