

CLAM PENDANT



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As part of an interior design project, developed for a restaurant fit-out in the Algarve, a lighting feature was commissioned to the studio.

The main purpose was to provide ambient light to a series of tables put together, creating a long and comfortable dining area.

The concept behind the interior design project sought to utilize locally sourced materials, craftsmanship, and historical context.

During the studio's historical research of the Algarve, we found the use of copper dates back to the 4th century. The craft developed throughout time, and there are other historical finds dating the Arab invasion, influencing the craft of this material. The Arab influence left many examples of heritage in the South of Portugal. One example that endures today and is said to be of Arab influence, is the 'Cataplana'.

The Cataplana is a traditional Portuguese dish characterised by a specific sauce pan, that has two sides and a hinge, allowing for

it to close and cook the ingredients inside in low temperature, such as sea food and vegetables. These were originally made out of hammered copper, a hand made technique to achieve the Cataplana's oval shape, inspired by the clams and sea shells found in the Algarvian Ria Formosa.

The Studio identified two characteristics that understood to be the essential points, the hammered copper technique and the natural shapes of the sea shells found in the Algarve, that led to the creation of the copper pendant.

We reached out to a coppersmith, based in Loulé, who has experience producing the traditional Cataplana, and with our design and his collaboration, the team developed a unique piece of craftsmanship, the Clam pendant.

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Pendant designed in Lisbon, handmade in Portugal

Made with copper
Lead time: 8-10 weeks
Available upon request

Polished copper

Height: 8cm 3.14"

Width: 25cm 9.84"

Length: 25cm 9.84"

Structure

hammered copper

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Care

Daily Cleaning:

Use a soft cloth dampened with clean water or a mild soap/detergent
Recommended to clean following the vein of the aluminum finish
Aluminum might get scratched if cleaned using abrasive movements
Avoid using chemical cleaners

Drying:

After cleaning, be sure to dry the aluminum with a soft cloth to prevent streaks and scratches

Attention to Detail:

Pay special attention to removing any residue from edges

Note: You can also clean aluminum surfaces with Isopropyl alcohol, but it's advisable to wear a mask, gloves and work in a well-ventilated area

Others

No self-assembly

Outdoor and indoor

Durable and lightweight

Rust-free

Small scratches or marks on the surface are normal due to the type of material

While aluminum is known for their strength, they can still deform under excessive weight

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