

SIDE GALLERY

GINO SARFATTI (1912-1985)



Table lamp model 540/P
Manufactured by Arteluce
Italy, 1968
Methacrylate, aluminium

Measurements
11,5 cm x 12 cm x 22h cm
4,52 in x 4,72 in x 8,62h in

Literature
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scelte 1938-1973, Silvana Editoriale, Cinisello
Balsamo, 2012, p. 427

Biography

Rising above the devastation of World War II, post-war Italian design reached new heights of productivity and ingenuity, particularly in the realm of lighting. Gino Sarfatti is among the most celebrated lighting designers from this fruitful period. Before founding his company Arteluce in 1939, Sarfatti studied aeronautical engineering. He brought the inventiveness of a self-taught outsider to the field of lighting design, while his mechanical background lent lightness and ingenuity of construction. Poetic underpinnings are also evident in lamps such as model no. 1034 (sometimes referred to as the "Vine" lamp), which features a nearly 80° twisting brass stem graced with nine delicate, articulating white shades like buds on a flower.