

SIDE GALLERY

FANGO



Calor Ashtray.

Manufactured by Fango.
Colombia, 2023
Coffee tree sticks structure,
fique fiber, charcoal.

Measurements

36 x 20 x 46h cm
14,2 x 7,9 x 18,1h in

Unique Piece

Biography

Francisco Jaramillo (b. Medellín) is an award-winning Colombian designer who turns to local materials for his furniture, resulting in pieces that are uniquely Colombian. In collaborating with local artisans and imparting his knowledge of process and material through teaching, he has helped shape a design culture that does not derive its methods solely from Western or international influences.

Growing up in Medellín, the designer traveled to Barcelona to specialize in furniture design at ELISAVA, working with designers who influenced his work with local materials. Upon returning home to Colombia, he launched Fango.

As a result of his close work with artisans, Jaramillo began studying local materials, developing the Ijuju collection, which rethinks the design and manufacturing of native wooden pieces using a natural, renewable fiber called "Yaré". The Ijuju stool earned Jaramillo a 2023 Wallpaper* Design Award in the "Best New Weaves" category. The designer has also participated in design weeks around the world, including Dutch Design Week, Wanted Design, Abierto Mexicano de Diseño, and Medellín Design Week.

Concept

The Calor Collection aims to showcase the technical and aesthetic potential of the fique plant through a series of pieces, exploring the use of the material. The dry seasons of recent years have been causing numerous wildfires in forests and jungles around the world, prompting some communities to implement different strategies to slow forest degradation. In Colombia, it has been found that the fique plant, a member of the Agavaceae family that is distributed throughout Latin America, proves to be a useful element in combating the spread of wildfires and stopping vegetation loss. This plant has fire-resistant qualities due to its high water concentration in its leaves, which create a natural barrier that acts as an obstacle, thereby halting the progress of fire.