



mia mélange

handcrafted design



ABOUT



Mia Mélange is a proudly South African brand that handcrafts interior décor and lifestyle products using 100% cotton rope. Our team of talented artisans makes high quality baskets, bowls, planters, bags, ottomans, and more. Each one of our products is carefully designed and produced with great care and attention to detail. The designs are inspired by a love for nature, texture, natural materials and ancient crafting techniques. We combine all of these

to create contemporary and functional designs. We make all our products in our studio in the Winelands town of Stellenbosch. Mia Mélange believes in creating opportunities for people from our community. We aim to teach the members of our team valuable skills, provide them with an ability to earn a decent income, and empower them to be independent and able to support themselves and their families.

PRODUCTS

Mia Mélange makes a range of home décor and lifestyle accessories. Our home ware range includes bowls, table baskets and lidded baskets in a variety of sizes that are used for storing items such as keys, jewellery, television remote controls, bedside table accessories, cotton wool in the bathroom, stationery or business cards in the office, or fruit and vegetables in the kitchen. We have a collection of placemats and coasters for the dining room.

The larger bowls and baskets are used for storing items such as hand towels, bathroom essentials, kids toys, hair dryers and straighteners, and magazines. The medium and large floor baskets are used as laundry baskets, or to store blankets or throws, towels, toys, and are often also used for larger pot plants. Mia Mélange makes a range of pot plant holders, including hanging planters.

We also make ottomans and lampshades. Mia Mélange has a range of bags, including shopper bags, clutch bags, and net bags. We often make custom products for interior designers for installations in homes, lodges, hotels and offices.



MATERIALS

Mia Mélange believes in sourcing local, sustainable, high quality materials. Our products are made from 100% cotton rope. Farmers who are members of the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) grow the cotton in South Africa. The yarns are spun in South African mills. The rope is braided locally in Cape Town. A company that is committed to running their business in an ethical, socially responsible and

environmentally sustainable manner manufactures our threads in Cape Town. To achieve a variety of colours, we dye the rope used in some of our products. We use products that pass the requirements of the ECO PASSPORT by OEKO-TEX® certification. OEKO-TEX® provides an independent tool to manage and verify the chemicals towards greener chemistry.



PROCESS

Mia Mélangé products are made by coiling cotton rope and stitching it in place. We use high quality, tightly braided rope with tight stitching to achieve rigid shapes. Our team of artisans is taught how to sew in this manner, and how to shape the products. We are able to achieve a range of shapes, including round bowls, cylindrical planters, large floor baskets, oval baskets, rectangular baskets, uniquely shaped clutch bags,

net bags, and even hats and jewellery. We use the natural cotton for most of our products, which results in a beautiful ivory colour. We use two methods to achieve different colourways. The first is using dyed rope in our products, and the second is by using different colour threads. We also sometimes use natural jute rope with the ivory colour cotton rope.



HISTORY

Mia Danieli founded Mia Mélange in 2014. Mia was born into a multicultural family, to a Swiss mother and an Israeli father. Her family travelled often and lived in many different countries, giving Mia her love for diverse cultures. After graduating with a degree in textile design, Mia relocated to South Africa and established the brand Mia Mélange. Mélange means 'mixture' or 'blend' in French. It also refers to a type of yarn that is commonly used in the textile

and fashion industries. Mia Mélange basically means 'Mia's Mix'. At the end of 2017, Mia moved back home. Before she left, Mia sold the business to Jeanneke Malan who shares Mia's values and is committed to maintaining Mia Mélange's high standard of quality, unique designs, and core ethics. Jeanneke has a background in architecture and urban design. She is a proud South African who aspires to create opportunities for people from the local community.



TODAY



The Mia Mélange studio, where we handcraft all our products, and an adjoining retail shop, is located in Stellenbosch's historical town centre. We also have a retail outlet at the Watershed at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town. Today, Mia Mélange comprises of ten team members, including artisans, shop assistants, and management.

Mia Mélange supplies handcrafted products to selective design shops across South Africa. Our products are stocked in exclusive stores in Western Australia, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, the United States, Ivory Coast, Kenya and Namibia.

We supply interior designers across the world. Our products have been installed in lodges, hotels and homes across Southern Africa, Rwanda, Madagascar, Europe, the United States, Japan, Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, and Australia.

Mia Mélange has been featured in the media many times, in print and online. Our products have been exhibited at various national and international expos. Most recently, one of our products, exhibited by Mbare Home + Gift, won a Best New Product Award at the Handmade® Global Design section of NY Now in New York in February 2019.

STUDIO & SHOP





MIA MÉLANGE CATALOGUE



IVORY COLLECTION



Floor Basket M

Floor Basket L

Handle Basket Std

Cylinder Basket Std

Planter S

Planter M

Bowl M

Bowl L

Bowl S

Lidded Basket Std



Lampshade
Nightlight

Lampshade
Beehive



Lidded Cylinder
Basket XL



Lidded Cylinder
Basket Std



Oval Basket S



Rectangular Basket L

Rectangular
Basket M



Lampshade Beehive



Floor Basket L



Net Bag



Shopper Bag



Eskom Planter M



Handle Clutch Bag



Floor Basket M



Baby Changing
Basket

STITCHED COLLECTION





Coaster

Placemat 32cm



Lidded Cylinder
Basket XL
(Ivory Lid)



Peace Basket



Handle
Basket

Oval Basket S



Oval Basket L



Bowl S Stitched

Bowl S Liquorice





Shopper Bag

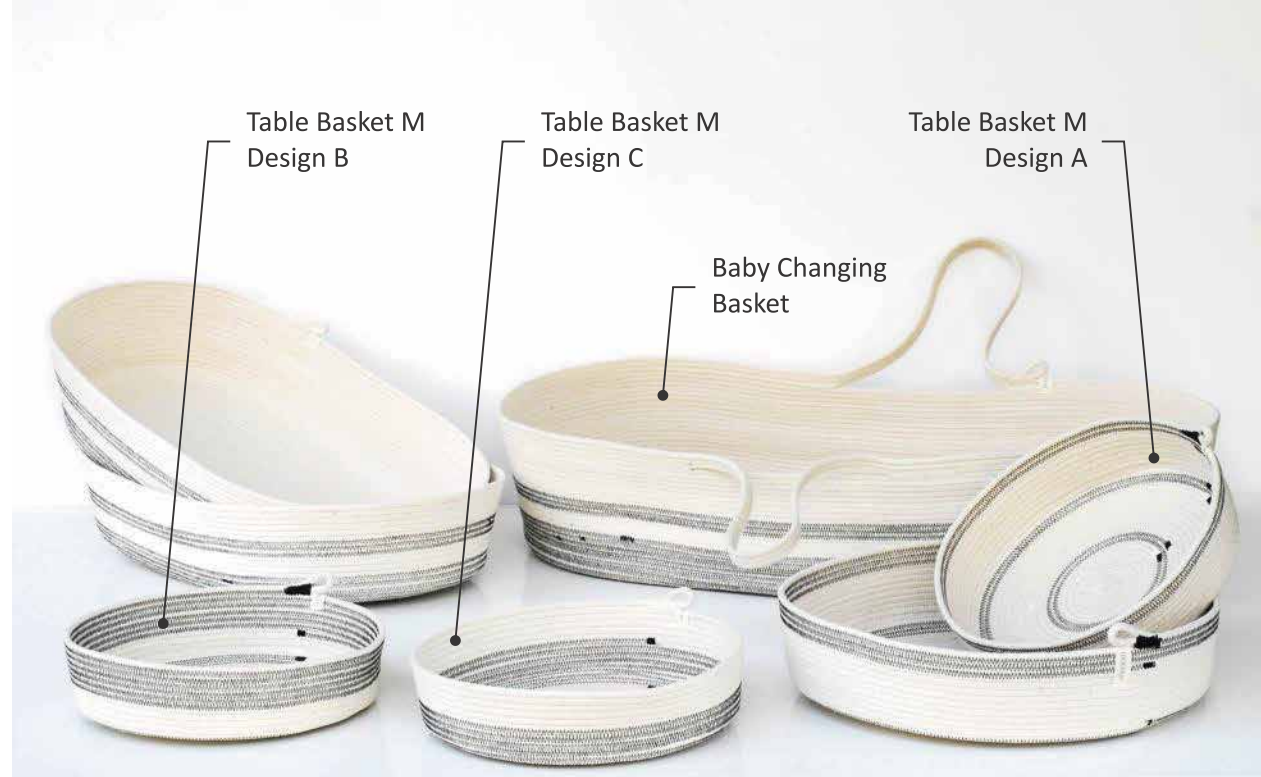


Table Basket M
Design B

Table Basket M
Design C

Table Basket M
Design A

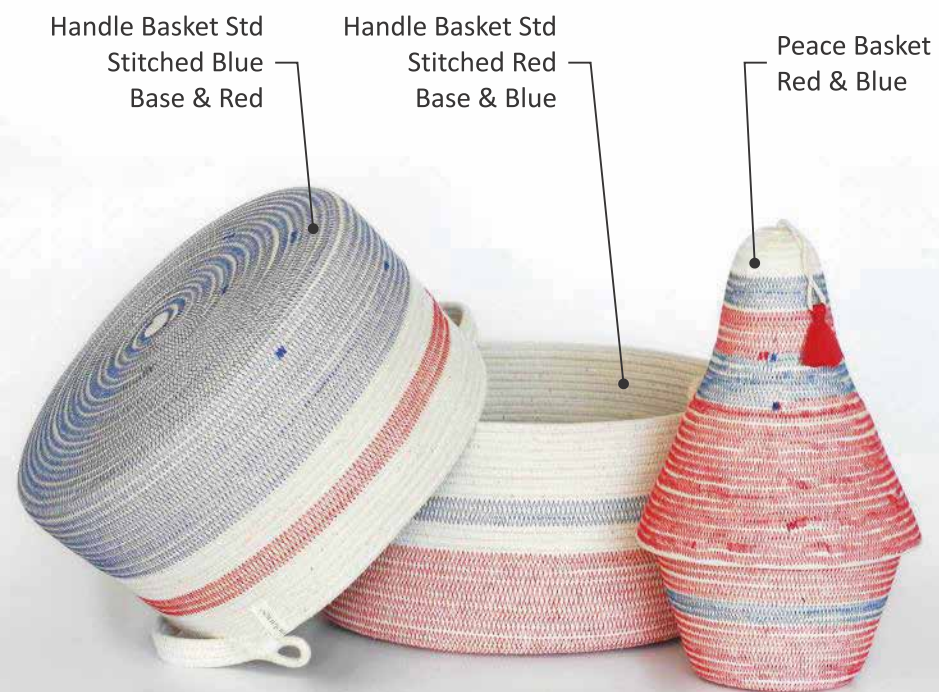
Baby Changing
Basket



Lidded Laundry Basket
(Stitched Lid)

Table Basket M
Design A

Table Basket L
Design A





Cylinder Basket XL
Stitched Blue
(with tassel)

Floor Basket L
Stitched Blue



Cylinder Basket XL



Oval Basket S



Button Bag



Peace
Basket



Lidded Basket

LIQUORICE COLLECTION





Cylinder
Basket Std



Lampshade
Beehive

Lampshade
Nightlight

Lidded Cylinder
Basket XL



Shopper Bag Black
with Ivory Stripes

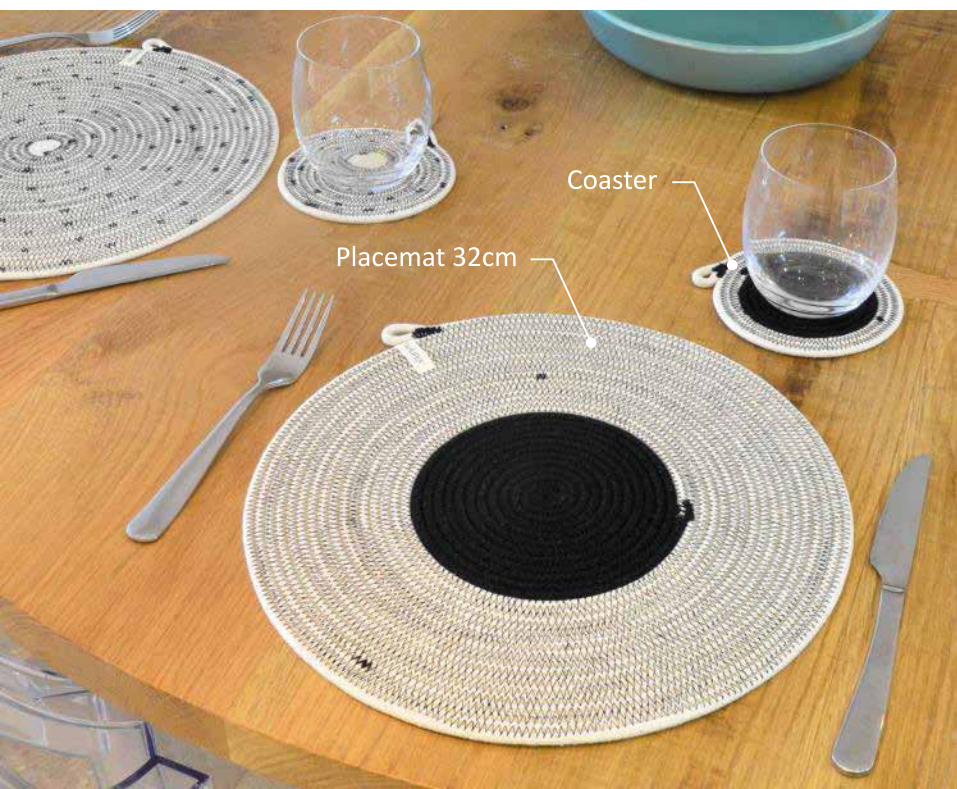


Oval Basket S
Full Black



Oval Basket L







Hanging Planter S
Jute Block

Hanging Planter S
Black Block



Hanging Planter M
Liquorice



Planter M Jute
(with silver)

Planter S
Liquorice





Cylinder XL



Shopper Bag Black
with Ivory Stripes



Shopper Bag Ivory
with Black Stripes



Handle Clutch Bag
Black Ikat

GREENERY COLLECTION



Floor Basket M

Cylinder Basket Std

Lidded Basket Std

Planter M

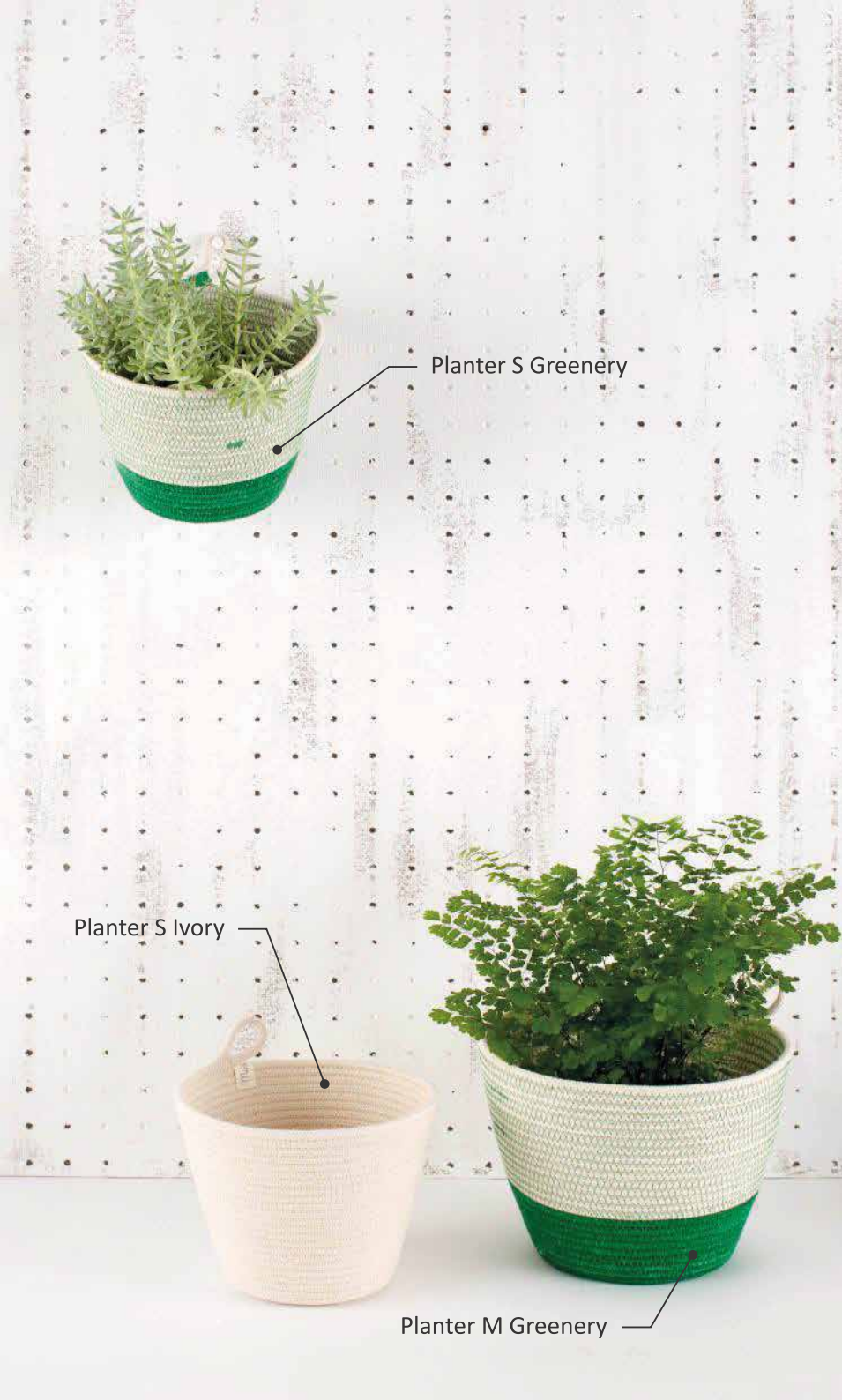
Bowl L

Planter S

Bowl M

Handle Basket Std

Bowl S



Planter S Greenery

Planter S Ivory

Planter M Greenery



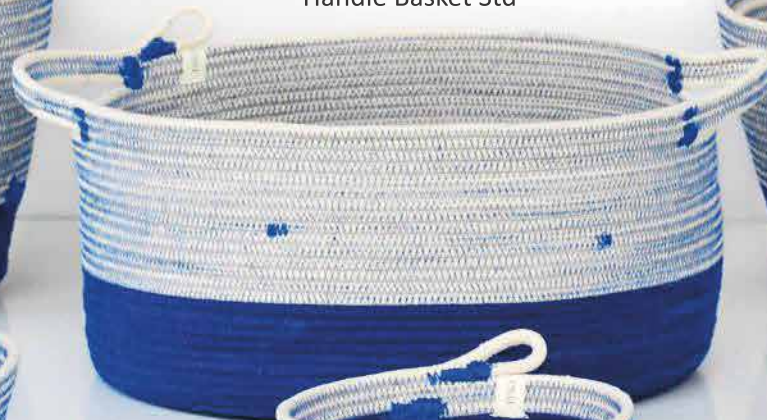
Floor Basket M



ROYAL BLUE COLLECTION



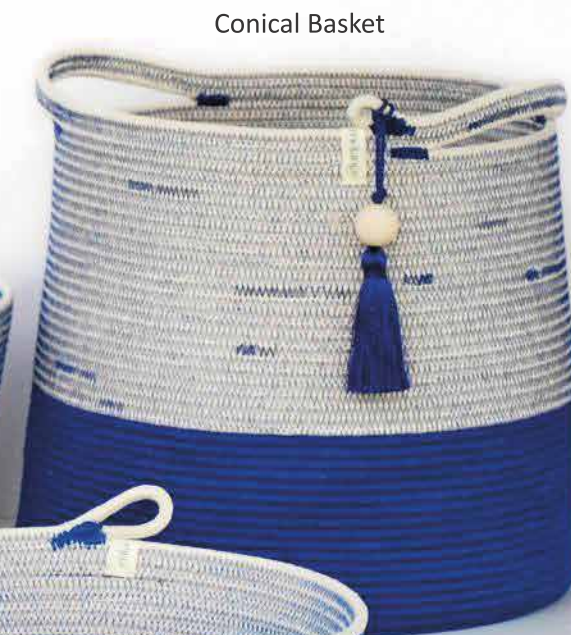
Planter L



Handle Basket Std



Planter M & S



Conical Basket



Bowl M



Bowl S



Bowl L

JUTE COLLECTION

Floor Basket M

Floor Basket L

Handle Basket Std

Planter M

Planter S

Cylinder Basket Std





Planter L



Oval Basket L



Lidded Cylinder Basket
XL Striped (Striped Lid)



Bowl M



Bowl S

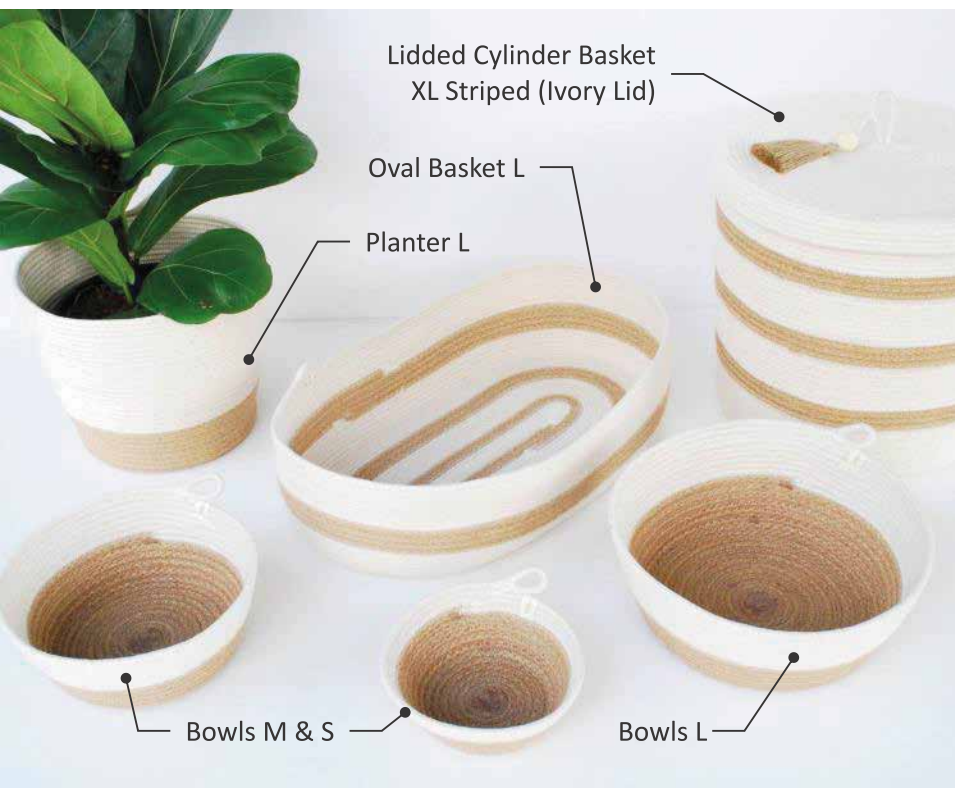


Bowl L



Hanging Planter
Jute Block S

Hanging Planter
Black Block S



Lidded Cylinder Basket
XL Striped (Ivory Lid)

Oval Basket L

Planter L

Bowls M & S

Bowls L



Lidded Cylinder Basket
XL Striped (Ivory Lid)



Lidded Cylinder Basket
XL Block (Striped Lid)



Bowl M

Bowl L

Bowl S



BRIGHTS COLLECTION



Bowl M

Bowl S

Bowl L

Plate



Cylinder Planter L Green

Handle Clutch Bag Yellow

Floor Basket L Green

Floor Basket L Yellow

Floor Basket L Royal Blue



Net Bag Yellow

Net Bag Royal Blue

Net Bag Black

Net Bag Red

Net Bag Ivory

Net Bag Green



Hanging Planter
Green Block

Hanging Planter
Yellow Block



Conical Basket Royal Blue



Conical Basket Yellow



Conical Basket Red



Conical Basket Green

UNPACKING & CARE GUIDE

UNPACKING & MERCHANDISING

PACKAGING

Please note that when we pack our products, we often fold them. Due to the products being made from cotton, it is easy to bend the products back to their original shape.

TASSELS

The tassels are wrapped in tissue paper to reduce the risk of tangling during shipping. Please remove the tissue paper when merchandising.

MERCHANDISING

In our experience, merchandising collections together produces the best results. We usually display each collection by themselves. As an alternative, the Ivory, Stitched (Black) and Liquorice Collections can also be merchandised together; as well as the different colours of the Brights Collection.

CARE

IVORY, STITCHED & JUTE COLLECTIONS

To clean dirt and scuff marks off the cotton, rub with the adhesive side of broad scotch tape, or gently spot clean with a wet cloth and soap.

The Ivory, Stitched and Jute collections are washable. Gently handwash in cold water. Soak in water and gently rub with handwash soap where necessary. Allow to dry evenly. If the product discolours slightly while drying, rewash gently.

COLLECTIONS WITH DYED ROPE

To clean dirt and scuff marks off the cotton, rub with the adhesive side of broad scotch tape. The dye may run when wet, so only spot clean the natural cotton rope with a wet cloth and soap.



Floor Baskets
folded for shipping



Handle Clutch Bag
folded for shipping





Ivory, Stitched
(Black) & Liquorice
Collections

Jute
Collection

Greenery
Collection



Ivory, Stitched (Black) &
Liquorice Collections at
100% Design, Johannesburg



Ivory, Stitched (Black) &
Liquorice Collections at
Design Indaba, Cape Town

Brights
Collections

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IVORY COLLECTION

Ivory Collection Page 1: Michelle Parkin

"Lampshade Beehive": He Is Visual

"Floor Basket L": Knus

"Net Bag": Plant Society

"Shopper Bag": The Cotton Company

"Eksom Planter": Plant Society

"Floor Basket M" & "Baby Changing Basket":

The Cotton Company

STITCHED COLLECTION

Stitched Collection Page 1: Michelle Parkin

"Lidded Basket Std": He Is Visual

"Floor Basket L & Bowl M": He Is Visual

"Bowl S": He Is Visual

LIQUORICE COLLECTION

Liquorice Collection Page 1: Michelle Parkin

"Cylinder Basket Std": He Is Visual

"Handle Basket Std & Floor Basket L Full Black": He Is Visual

"Handle Basket Std": He Is Visual

Lidded Baskets: He Is Visual

"Cylinder Basket XL": Aura Interiors

GREENERY COLLECTION

Greenery Collection Page 1: Michelle Parkin

Planters: Michelle Parkin

Floor Basket M: Michelle Parkin

Bowls: Michelle Parkin

JUTE COLLECTION

Jute Collection Page 1: Michelle Parkin

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