

The left half of the image features a complex, abstract pattern of thin, black, wavy lines that converge towards a central, irregular black void. The background within these lines has a shimmering, iridescent quality, reminiscent of mother-of-pearl or a liquid surface. The right half of the image is a solid, uniform gray.

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Portfolio

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KANG, MYUNG SUN

1974 Born in Seoul/Korea.

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KANG, Myung Sun cherishes a sense of slowness or an aesthetics adapting to the nature that has been ingrained in people's lives as a precious cultural value and communicates ideas of living philosophy through her design. While her works are based on traditional craft technique that has been declining, she interprets contemporary culture and transforms into modernized form.

Pursuing the beauty of structure, Kang utilizes the traditional craftsmanship used for lacquer work inlaid with mother-of-pearl in innovative way to emphasize the unique nature of the material and, ultimately, seeks to show us natural aspects of her works through organic and unstandardized. As a medium connecting the past and the present, the eclectic objects suggests well-balanced practicality and radiates the natural beauty.

Challenging modern designs with her own study on physical properties of new materials and approach, Kang newly applies traditional lacquering techniques of two thousand year history in an attempt to feature the delicate and iridescent quality of mother-of-pearl. In the context, focused on practicality and harmony, the table and chairs introduced at Miami are more simplified and moderate in terms of structure and form than the previous works created by drawing her inspiration from sea.

Interestingly, the unique color and tone of mother-of-pearl illuminate along the curved surface especially. The glowing white mother-of-pearl contrasts with lacquered black surface of the round table, small bench and stools. Such contrast accents subtle and brilliant luster of mother-of-pearl and presents example of wise combination of Asian material and technique with modern practicality.



EDUCATIONS

2007 BFA, MFA, Woodworking & Furniture Design, Hongik University, Korea

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITION

2006 Art Furniture, Gallery I, Seoul

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020 QuUIET BEAUTY: CONTEMPORARY KOREAN DESIGN, New York, USA

2019 2019 CRASIGN, Hongik museum of art, Korea

2018 Total museum exhibition, Korea

New Memories in holiday, Artside gallery, Korea

2014 Korean Contemporary Design, Edward Tyler Nahem Fine Art, New York

2013 Contemporary Korean Design 2, R20th Century Gallery, New York

2012 Small Object Show, R20th Century Gallery, New York

2009 Korea Tomorrow 2009, SETEC, Seoul

2008 12 Furniture Designers, Sangsangmadang Art Square, Seoul

2007 Professional Designers of Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju

FAIRS

2015 Design Miami/, Basel

2014 Design Miami/, Miami

The Salon: Art + Design,

NY Design Miami/Basel,

Basel Collective 2 : Design Fair, New York

2013 Design Miami/, Miami Los Angeles Antiques,

Art + Design Show,

LA Design Miami/Basel, Basel

Design Days Dubai, Dubai

2012 Design Miami/Basel, Basel

Design Days Dubai, Dubai

2011 Design Miami/, Miami

Design Miami/Basel, Basel

2010 Design Miami/, Miami

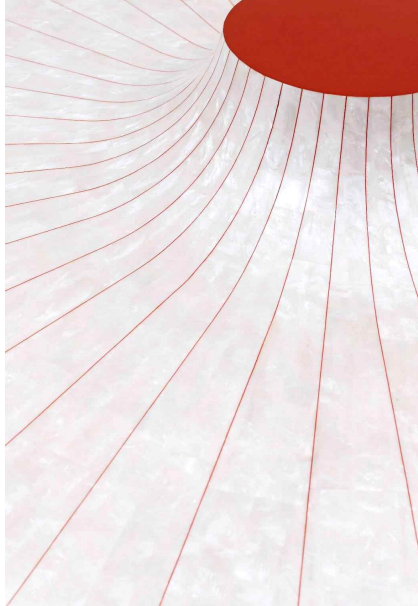
TENT, London

Design Miami/Basel, Basel

2008 Professional Designers of Gyeong'gi International Ceramic Fair 2008, KINTEX, Gyeong'gi

Craft Trend Fair 2008, COEX, Seoul

2007 Seoul Living Design fair, COEX, Seoul



WORKS LIST

ART WORK SERIES

LAMP

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Design Miami / Booth G11
Designed and made by Kang Myung Sun, Seoul, Korea, 2011

Gabriel and Bethel, Mother of Pearl, Black lacquered wood
70 x 60 x 70 cm, 60 x 60 x 40 cm, photo by Woo Changwon

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LAMP SERIES



From the Glitter 2015-05

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in yellow
26W x 23D x 58H cm
10.2W x 9.1D x 22.8H inch
2015



From the Glitter 2015-07

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in blue
23W x 20D x 39H cm
9.1W x 7.9D x 15.6H inch
2015





From the Glitter 2015-04
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered black
27W x 27D x 67H cm
10.6W x 10.6D x 26.4H inch
2015



From the Glitter 2015-06
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in red
23W x 21D x 48H cm
9.1W x 8.3D x 18.9H inch
2015



(Left) From the Glitter 2015-03
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in black
27W x 27D x 67H cm
10.6W x 10.6D x 26.4H inch
2015

(Right) From the Glitter 2015-03
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in yellow
32W x 31D x 18H cm
12.6W x 12.2D x 7.1H inch
2015





(Left) From the Glitter 2015-02

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in blue
 37W x 37D x 25H cm
 14.6W x 14.6D x 9.8H inch
 2015



(Right) From the Glitter 2015-01

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in black
 42W x 42D x 34H cm
 16.5W x 16.5D x 13.4H inch
 2015

From the Glitter 2014-16
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered
35W x 40D x 65H cm
13.8W x 15.7D x 25.6H inch
2014



SITTING SERIES



From the Glitter 2012-02

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, lacquered in black, Cowhide

80W x 87D x 90H cm

31.5W x 34.3D x 35.4H inch

2012



From the Glitter 2014-13

From the Glitter 2014-13 Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood,

Lacquered in black, Cowhide

256W x 115D x 101H / 77H cm

100.7W x 45.3D x 39.8H/30.3H inch

2014



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256W x 115D x 101H / 77H cm/100.7W x 45.3D x 39.8H/30.3H inch/ 2014

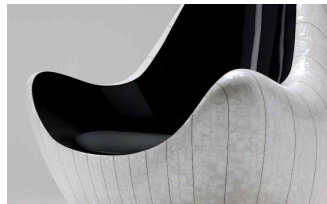


(Left) From the Glitter 2013-10

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, lacquered in black,
Cowhide
88W x 72D x 78H cm
34.6W x 28.3D x 30.7H inch
2013

(Right) From the Glitter 2013-09

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, lacquered in black,
Cowhide
100W x 72D x 87H cm
39.4W x 28.3D x 34.3H inch
2013



From the Glitter 2013-01
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, lacquered in black
102W x 90D x 107H cm
2013

Mermaid Bench and Stool 2011-02
Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Korean nacre lacquer on
wood layered with linen, red clay, charcoal
135W x 45D x 43H cm
2011



Mermaid Bench and Stool 2011-01

Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Korean nacre lacquer on
wood layered with linen, red clay, charcoal
80W x 45D x 43H cm
2011



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wood layered with linen, red clay, charcoal
80W x 45D x 43H cm
2011



From the Glitter 2010
Mother-of-pearls, black lacquered wood
Ø 60W x 55H cm
2010



From the Glitter 2010-06
Mother of Pearl, black lacquered wood
60W X 55D X 55H cm
2010



From the Glitter 2010-06
Mother of Pearl, black lacquered wood
60W X 55D X 55H cm
2010



Refraction 01, 2006
Mother-of-pearls, FRP, oil painting,
150W x 70D x 83H cm
2006



Refraction 03, 2006
Mother-of-pearls, FRP, oil painting,
180W x 40D x 55H cm
2006

TABLE SERIES



From Glitter, 2013-04

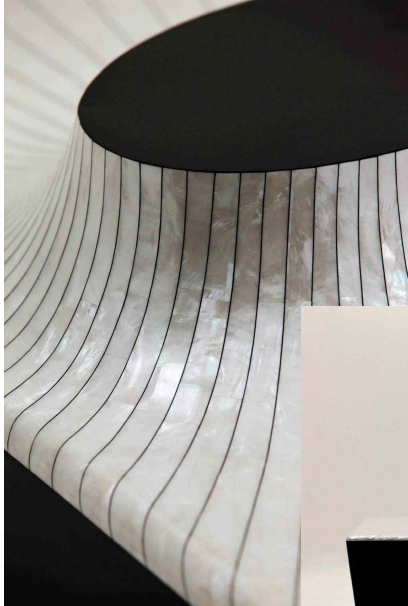
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in black
127W x 104D x 48H cm
140W x 115D x 1Hcm
2014



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Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, Lacquered in black
127W x 104D x 48H cm
140W x 115D x 1Hcm
2014



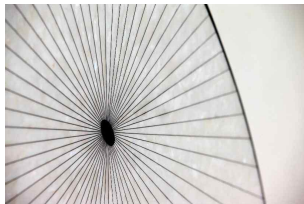
From the Glitter 2010-02
Mother-of-Pearl, FRP, Urethane Finish
192W x 54D x 46H cm
2010



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Mother-of-Pearl, FRP, Urethane Finish
192W x 54D x 46H cm
2010



From the Glitter 2006
Mother-of-pearls, FRP, Urethane Finish
170W x 65D x 47H cm
2010





From Glitter, 2011

Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Korean red lacquer wood

Ø 140W x 82.5H cm

2011



From Glitter, 2010
Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Korean red lacquer wood
Ø 140W × 82.5H cm
2010

From Glitter, 2013-04
Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Korean red lacquer wood
Ø 140W x 73.5H cm
2013



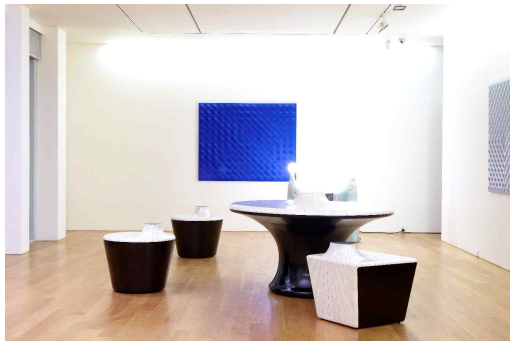
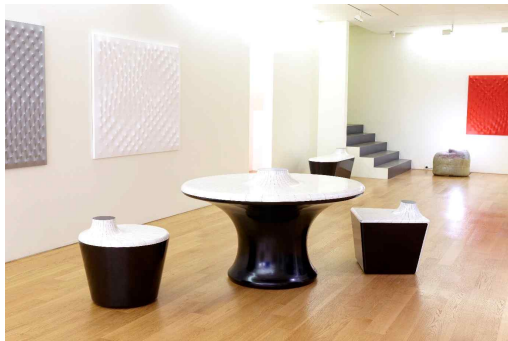


Table & Stool
Installation view



Coralliform Coffee Table 2012
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, glass
132W x 11
2013



Coralliform Coffee Table 2012
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, glass
132W x 11
2013

STORAGE SERIES

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Cabinet and Bench: Mother of Pearl, Black lacquered wood
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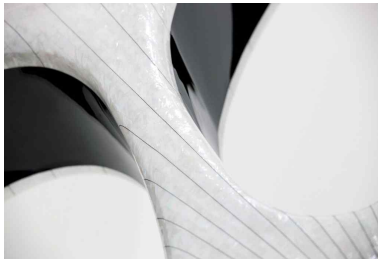
From the Glitter Cabinet 2011-08
Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Ko6
2011

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Mother-of-pearls, applied traditional Ko6
2011





From the Glitter Cabinet 2012-05
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, glass
280W x 41D x 173H cm
2012



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Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, glass
280W x 41D x 173H cm
2012



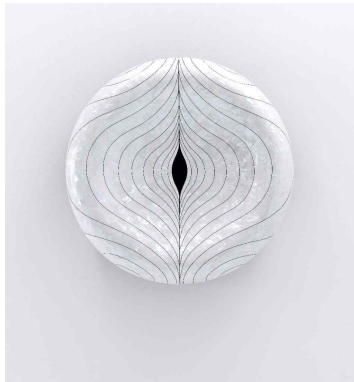
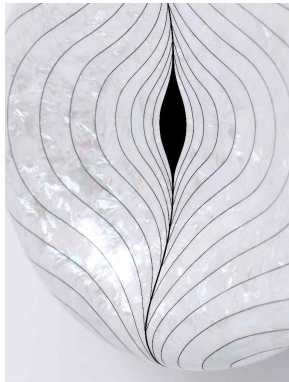
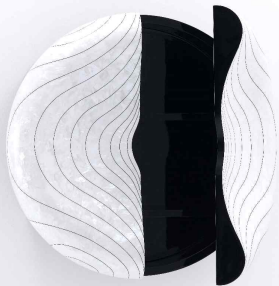
From the Glitter 2011-07
Mother-of-pearls, black lacquered on wood
181W x 55D x 92H cm
2012



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181W x 55D x 92H cm
2012



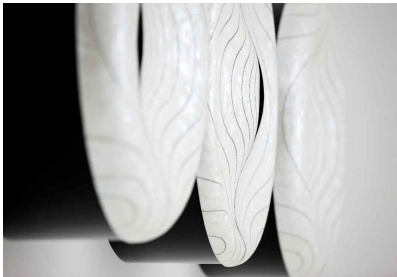
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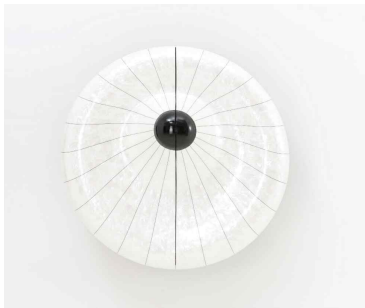
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Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, lacquered in black
Ø59W x 24H cm
2012



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Ø59W x 24H cm
2012



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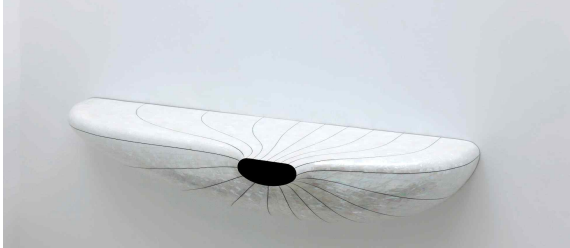
From the Glitter 2013-11
Mother-of-pearts inlaid on wood, lacquered in black
Ø59W x 30H cm
2013



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Ø59W x 30H cm
2013

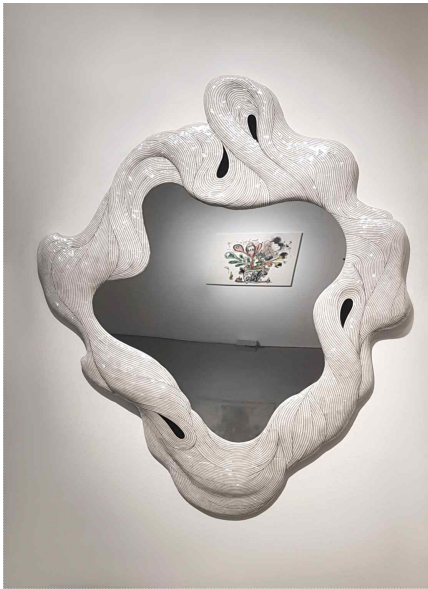


From the Glitter 2013-02,03
119W x 36D x 26H cm
79W x 36D x 23H cm
2013



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119W x 36D x 26H cm
79W x 36D x 23H cm
2013

SMALL OBJECT



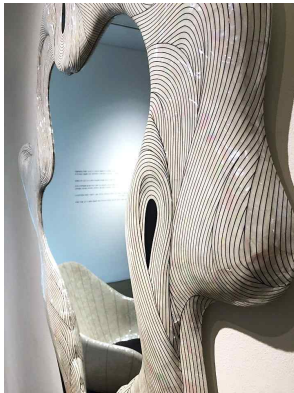
마농의 샘 2019-02

Wall mirror

Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood, lacquered in black

70W x 80D x 45H cm

2019





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Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood
Ø59W x 30H cm
2018



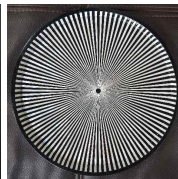


TRAY SERIES
Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood
Ø59W x 30H cm
2018



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Mother-of-pearls inlaid on wood
Ø59W x 30H cm
2018





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