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TABLEWARE

The tableware collection makes the flaw into a centrepiece of its design. A royal-blue décor adorns the inside of the cups and is enveloped by an “imperfect”-seeming exterior. Some cups have flat, smooth handles made from enlarged casting seams; others have raised areas of indentation; all are designed to be easy to grasp or to hold.

Manufactured by hand at the studio in Cologne, each piece of porcelain is one of a kind. The entire collection is microwave and dishwasher safe.

The tableware meets or exceeds ISO, DIN, ASTM (USA/FDA), and California Proposition 65 standards.

JEWELLERY

The brooches, pins, and ear studs in the jewellery collection allude ironically to the world of collectible cups and decorative plates.

PERFECT IMPERFECT

Inspired by the wabi-sabi philosophy of Japan, the Perfect Imperfect collection is an homage to the beauty of the incomplete and the unconventional. The series subscribes to the belief that things achieve true perfection only in transience and simplicity.

One of its featured materials is porcelain. Sometimes referred to as “white gold,” porcelain creates a fascinating tension between the fragile with the quotidian and weds the mundane with the remarkable like no other. Any blemishes or rough patches that appear during the manufacturing process are not eliminated but preserved in the design of the collection.

Another material that figures prominently in the series is hand-woven canvas from bags once used for protecting, carrying, and storing goods. As all things in the wabi-sabi philosophy, the material reveals its true beauty through wear: the rough canvas has become soft and supple after many years of use. Hand-stitched holes and rips serve as embellishment.

Uniting the pieces stylistically is a porous and peeled onion motif. The application of ornament is fragmentary and concealed, underlining the simple elegance of the products.



VASE WITH DENTS

height 22 cm and width 12 cm / porcelain



CUP WITH DENTS

height 14 cm and width 7 cm / 240 ml / porcelain



CUP WITH RING

height 14 cm and width 10 cm / 240 ml / porcelain



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CUP WITH SEAMS

height 14 cm and width 12 cm / 240 ml / porcelain



DRINKING VESSEL SMALL

height 10 cm and width 5 cm / 120 ml / porcelain



DRINKING VESSEL EXTRA SMALL

height 8 cm and width 4 cm / 50 ml / porcelain





COFFEE CUP WITH SAUCER

height 10 cm and width 8 cm / 120 ml /
saucer diameter 8 cm / porcelain



ESPRESSO CUP WITH SAUCER

height 8 cm and width 7 cm / 50 ml /
saucer diameter 8 cm / porcelain



SAUCER AND CUP BROOCHES

Saucer Brooch - diameter 7,5 cm /
Cup Brooches - height 4 cm, width 8 - 8,5 cm and
depth 4 cm / porcelain and sterling silver



PIN-SET

one set includes 3 pins with a diameter 4 cm, 3 cm
and 2,5 cm / porcelain and silver-plated metal





PLATE LARGE

diameter 18 cm / porcelain

PLATE SMALL

diameter 13 cm / porcelain

SOUP PLATE LARGE

diameter 16,5 cm / porcelain

SOUP PLATE SMALL

diameter 14 cm / porcelain





VASE WITH SEAMS

height 22 cm and width 12 cm / porcelain



CREAMER S

height 10 cm and width 5 cm / 120 ml / porcelain



CREAMER XS

height 8 cm and width 4 cm / 50 ml / porcelain



SOUP PLATE XL

diameter 23 cm - 30 cm / porcelain



BOWL S

diameter 9,5 cm - 14 cm / porcelain



BOWL XS

diameter 8 cm - 12 cm / porcelain



COFFEE SET

Coffee cup height 10 cm and width 8 cm / 120 ml / Drinking Vessel XS
height 8 cm and width 4 cm / 50 ml / saucer length 22 cm and width 14
cm / porcelain / dishwasher-proof



ESPRESSO SET

Espresso cup height 8 cm and width 7 cm / 50 ml / Drinkingvessel S
height 10 cm and width 5 cm / 120 ml / saucer length 22 cm and width
14 cm / porcelain



APPRECIATING THE EXTRA IN THE ORDINARY

Launched in 2008, Pia Pasalk's design label Content and Container celebrates the beauty of the inconspicuous, of that which lies concealed beneath the everyday surface. It turns the everyday into an element of style, the blemish into the focus of design. Ignoring the boundary between jewellery, product, and fashion, Content and Container creates concept-based works that are at once objects of utility and multi-faceted sites of sensual experience combining look and feel in equal measure.

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