

Material Guide – Näsgränggården

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Here you will find an overview of the materials used in our products. The material guide is continuously updated as our assortment evolves. By describing properties, advantages, and care instructions, we aim to make it easier for you to understand, use, and maintain your products so they last longer.

All our suppliers comply with REACH, the European legislation regarding harmful chemicals, and our products are tested according to the legal requirements of REACH. Testing is conducted according to EU regulations. Our tableware that comes into contact with food, such as mugs, bowls and plates, is tested in accordance with the EU directives for ceramics in contact with food: 1935/2004/EC and 84/500/EEC (migration of lead and chromium).

Our Labels

Handmade

Each product is unique and variations may occur. This sticker is currently used on ceramics where the glaze may vary.



Warning 0–3 years

This label appears on packaging containing products with small parts, loose components, or items that are small in size. We are continuously working to include this warning text on all packaging where small parts occur. These products are not toys and are not recommended for children under 3 years of age.

WARNING!
CONTAINS SMALL PARTS. NOT SUITABLE
FOR CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OLD.



Warning text

This label accompanies the product or is printed on packaging for candle holders and lanterns.



Decoration only

This text means the product is intended for decorative purposes only. It is not dishwasher safe, microwave safe, or suitable for food use or serving. Clean with a cloth.



Care instructions – tableware

Our tableware such as mugs, bowls and plates with patterns are dishwasher and microwave safe, but not oven safe unless otherwise stated. Handle them carefully to ensure a longer lifespan.



Washing instructions (textiles)

Always follow the washing and care instructions on our textile products. This helps the product last longer and ensures a long and sustainable life together.

Below you will find examples of our care labels with information and symbols.



POLYRESIN

Polyresin is a combination of plastic (47%) and stone powder (53%). The material resembles ceramic but weighs significantly less. We use this material for decorations and figurines such as Santa Claus figures, moose, hens and angels.

This material makes it possible to create fine details and personal expressions, which is important for our products and collections. All our products are hand-painted, making them unique and personal.

The components are tested for harmful chemicals and comply with safety regulations regarding production handling. We are continuously working to find an environmentally friendly resin (plastic) that is not dependent on petroleum in its production.

Properties

- Durable material with a ceramic-like feel
- Allows highly detailed designs
- The surface can be painted, glazed or finished to resemble wood, stone, metal or ceramic
- Resistant to moisture and temperature variations, making it more durable than many natural materials
- Not frost resistant and not suitable for products in contact with food

Advantages

- Long lifespan and durability
- Flexible for different expressions and finishes
- Cost-effective alternative to porcelain, wood or stone

Care instructions

- Wipe with a soft, dry or slightly damp cloth
- Avoid strong cleaning agents that may damage the surface
- Recommended for indoor use, although some products may also be suitable for outdoor use depending on surface treatment.

Recycling: Sorted as filling material at recycling centres.



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Waste-to-energy
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CERAMICS

Ceramics is a collective term for objects made of clay that are shaped and fired. Firing temperatures vary between 800–1300 °C depending on the type. Ceramics are porous in their basic form but become denser depending on firing temperature and glaze.

Ceramics are often recycled in production, where waste from manufacturing is ground into new stone powder and added to new clay or material.

Ceramics = general term for fired clay

Stoneware = coarse, hard and durable ceramics for robust use

Terracotta = reddish-brown, unglazed, porous and rustic ceramics

Dolomite = simpler white ceramics, lower price and less durable

Porcelain = fine, hard, white and translucent ceramics

PORCELAIN

Porcelain is primarily used for our tableware such as mugs, bowls, small plates and a few decorative pieces. Porcelain is durable, wear-resistant and dishwasher and microwave safe.

Properties

- Made from kaolin clay, feldspar and quartz
- Fired at very high temperatures, 1200–1400 °C
- Hard, white, smooth and partially translucent

Advantages

- Very strong and scratch resistant while still elegant and thin
- Provides an elegant and exclusive feel
- Low water absorption, suitable for daily use

Care instructions

- Dishwasher and microwave safe (except products with metallic decoration – hand washing recommended)
- Our functional products are marked with care symbols that we recommend following
- Avoid sudden temperature changes and strong impacts as porcelain may crack

Recycling: Sorted as filling material at recycling centres.



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Porcelain & china
Porzellan



STONEWARE

Stoneware is used for products such as decorations, mugs and bowls. Our stoneware products are oven safe.

Properties

- Made from coarse clay, often with sand or chamotte (crushed fired clay)
- Fired at 1200–1300 °C
- Hard, compact and durable – often heavier than porcelain

Advantages

- Very durable and scratch resistant
- Rustic look with a handcrafted feel
- Timeless material

Care instructions

- Avoid extreme temperature changes, such as from freezer to oven
- Dishwasher, microwave and oven safe

Recycling: Sorted as filling material at recycling centres.



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DOLOMITE

Dolomite is mainly used for candle holders, figurines and salt & pepper sets. We strive to use dolomite mainly for decorative products.

Properties

- Made from the mineral dolomite (calcium magnesium carbonate)
- Fired at approx. 1000–1100 °C
- Provides a white, smooth surface but is softer and more porous than porcelain

Advantages

- Cost-effective alternative to porcelain
- Easy to shape, paint and decorate in many colors

Care instructions

- Hand washing recommended – sensitive to scratches and impacts
- Not dishwasher safe and avoid strong cleaning agents
- Not microwave or oven safe
- Indoor use only
- Prolonged contact with water may cause the material to crack

Recycling: Sorted as filling material at recycling centres.



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TERRACOTTA

We use terracotta mainly for candle lanterns, although currently only a few products are made from this material. Terracotta is a type of earthenware that typically has a reddish-brown tone and is usually unglazed.

The color can vary depending on the amount of iron oxide in the clay, from red to brown or yellow, and may also change when the material becomes moist.

Properties

- Made from iron-rich reddish clay
- Fired at 800–1000 °C
- Unglazed = porous and absorbs water
- Resistant to mold, bacteria and insects

Advantages

- Natural, rustic appearance
- Affordable material with a long tradition

Care instructions

- Hand wash only or wipe with a damp cloth
- If unglazed: avoid leaving standing water as the material may crack

Recycling: Sorted as filling material at recycling centres.



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WROUGHT IRON

A type of iron that is highly malleable and has a low carbon content, traditionally shaped by hand by a blacksmith through heating and forging. It is strong yet formable, making it ideal for decorative products such as our candle stubs holder, Viking ships and candle snuffers. Our products are coated with black lacquer.

Properties

- Heavy, durable and malleable material
- Rough structure and dark color

Advantages

- Long lifespan, can last for generations
- Fully recyclable material

Care instructions

- Clean without detergent, use warm water and a brush
- Always dry thoroughly after cleaning to avoid rust

Recycling: Sorted as metal scrap at recycling centres.



Metall
Metal
Altmetall

PAPER

All our napkins are produced in Germany and made from FSC-certified paper.

Properties

- Made from wood fibers from responsibly managed forests and controlled sources
- Smooth and soft, suitable for food contact

Advantages

- Sustainable choice supporting responsible forestry worldwide
- Full traceability throughout the production chain
- High quality in softness, strength and absorbency
- Printed with water-based inks
- Chlorine-free bleaching and biodegradable

FSC certification means the material comes from responsibly managed forests that consider:

- Environment: forests are managed to preserve ecosystems and biodiversity
- Social aspects: respect for workers' and indigenous peoples' rights
- Economy: sustainable forestry that can continue long-term

Care instructions

Single-use product – no care required.

Store dry and protected from moisture to maintain quality.

Recycling: Biodegradable and compostable. Napkins can also be sorted as paper packaging or combustible household waste. Plastic wrapping should be sorted as soft plastic.



Pappersförpackningar
Paper packaging
Speise- & Getränk kartons



Mjuk PVC
Soft PVC
Weiches PVC

BIRCH VENEER

Birch veneer is used for trays. Production takes place in Sweden on the island of Öland, where several layers of thin birch veneer are form-pressed. Each layer is compressed under high heat (approx. +120 °C) and pressure for about 8 minutes.

Properties

- Printed with water-based inks
- Surface layer and adhesive used in form pressing are melamine-based
- Rounded edges protect the design and make trays more durable
- Durable, dimensionally stable and easy to clean

Advantages

- Long lifespan, resistant to wear and moisture
- Food safe and suitable for serving
- Practical for everyday use, dishwasher safe for both household and industrial dishwashers

Made from FSC-certified wood, meaning the material comes from responsibly managed forests considering environment, social responsibility and economic sustainability.

Care instructions

Dishwasher safe, but hand washing with warm water and mild detergent is recommended for extra care. Dry immediately after washing or spills to avoid prolonged moisture exposure. Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

Recycling: Sorted as combustible / energy recovery at recycling centres.



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PLYWOOD

Plywood is a wood material made from several thin layers of wood veneer glued together, often 3–9 layers. It is dimensionally stable, strong and durable. Plywood sheets can consist of different types of wood, with one species in the core and another, finer species on the surface, such as birch or oak.

Our wall-mounted birdhouses and several hanging decorations are made from birch plywood.

Properties

- Very strong in relation to its weight
- Significantly lighter than solid wood
- Dimensionally stable and rarely cracks

Advantages

- Long lifespan and resistant to wear
- High strength and stability
- Birdhouses are painted with water-based paints
- Hanging decorations are digitally printed with UV ink for durable and wear-resistant prints

Care instructions

Clean with a lightly damp cloth and avoid strong cleaning agents.

Our products are recommended for indoor use only.

Recycling: Plywood can be material recycled or energy recovered. Sorted as wood waste.



Trä
Wood
Holz



TEXTILES

Textile products will be subject to significantly stricter regulations within the EU within 2–5 years to reduce environmental impact (EU Textile Strategy).

We have already taken steps in the development of new textile products to prepare for upcoming legislation regarding transparency in the value chain. Therefore, the cotton used in our tote bags and kitchen towels is made from certified recycled cotton, allowing us to trace the raw material.

Properties

- Made from mechanically recycled cotton waste from production or reused garments
- In mechanical recycling, cotton fabrics are shredded and spun into new fibers
- The recycled fiber becomes slightly coarser than virgin cotton, making it suitable for durable products such as bags and kitchen towels
- The recycled cotton may vary in structure and color but is durable

Advantages

- Environmentally friendly alternative – reduces the need for new cotton cultivation
- Requires significantly less water and energy than newly produced cotton
- Gives new life to materials that would otherwise become waste
- Maintains cotton's beneficial properties: durable, soft and washable

Care instructions

Wash at 30–40 °C, always follow the product's washing instructions. Shrinks 5–7% after the first wash.

The print on tote bags may fade slightly, which is normal for untreated recycled cotton.

Avoid strong bleaching agents.

Air drying is recommended for longer durability.

Recycling: Clean textile products can be donated to charities for resale. Other textiles should be sorted as textile recycling or collection. They may be recycled again or energy recovered if worn out.



Textil
Fabric
Altkleider



Återbruk
Reuse
Wiederverwendung

