



HELEWANA

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- CRAFT/PROFESSION

Clothilde WALA is an expert weaver. She weaves her designs using slender supple lengths of plant material, mainly coconut palm and pandanus leaves. She removes the midribs from the leaves to make them more flexible.

Clothilde also creates jewellery from seeds gathered on her island and seashells found on Mouli beach in the south of Ouvéa.

- BACKGROUND

Her love for her craft is rooted in her desire to preserve and pass on the traditional skills and knowledge of her clan (the Wala clan), which she inherited from her own parents.

- INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Clothilde designs and makes woven sharks, sea turtles, whales, birds, fish and also hanging mobiles, bouquets and a host of other ornaments. She also makes seed jewellery in soft natural hues.

Clothilde draws her inspiration from the sea, the people she meets, her family and, above all, her island home: Ouvéa, the island closest to paradise...