

MY PACIFIC WOOD LIGHT



• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Marie-Lou JORROT creates solar lanterns and lamps from 100% natural New Caledonian materials. Her main creative mediums are coconut and driftwood. Marie-Lou's magnificent ornamental lamps radiate soft, subtle light which creates delicate patterns of light to enhance walls and ceilings.

Seen by daylight, the dark tones of her lamps make an attractive contrast with their paler driftwood bases. At night, light streams through thousands of tiny holes composing unusual and imaginative patterns.

• BACKGROUND

A nature-lover and DIY enthusiast, Marie-Lou is completely self-taught. She has always had a passion for homemade products and once tried her hand at making coconut oil, which unfortunately was not a success. However, she ended up with a dozen empty coconuts on her hands. She couldn't possibly throw them out so she began making hanging pots for plants. The first coconuts all had little holes

and she had the brilliant idea of using them to create solar lanterns mounted on pieces of driftwood.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Marie-Lou collects her raw materials on walks around the island and then spends 6 to 10 hours working on the design of a lamp. Preparing the coconuts is a very time-consuming job; she has to remove the hairy outer shells, open up and empty the nuts and sand them to perfect smoothness. She looks for interesting shapes and colours in choosing the driftwood she uses.

Inspired by the concepts of Zen philosophy, Marie-Lou seeks to design artworks embodying serenity, nature and light. She loves devising subtly beautiful light effects to create a relaxing and peaceful atmosphere. Her favourite motifs are mandalas and lotus flowers.

