



NHAÏ CREATIONS



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• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Thi Nhaï VAGNE is first and foremost an expert gem-cutter. She creates homeware, ornaments, lamps and jewellery made from natural raw materials found in New Caledonia, such as stones and giant clam shells, adding accents in wood. Thi Nhaï uses her expert knowledge and technical skills to craft a host of unusual designs. Her key tools are those used in gem-cutting and sculpture: a grinding wheel, polishers, jeweller's saws, rasps, a drill, wood chisels, and emery cloths for a flawless finish.

• BACKGROUND

After Thi Nhaï retired from teaching, she threw herself into creative work of all kinds, studying gem-cutting, sculpture, jewellery-making, painting, and even weaving, at various workshops and in private lessons. Very clever with her hands and never short of ideas, she also taught herself sewing, embroidery, knitting and crocheting.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Thi Nhaï derives enormous pleasure and satisfaction from her creative work, transforming and shaping raw materials to imbue them with fresh life and meaning. She draws inspiration from her observations of local wildlife, especially marine creatures, and also from the materials she works with, their shape, texture and colour.