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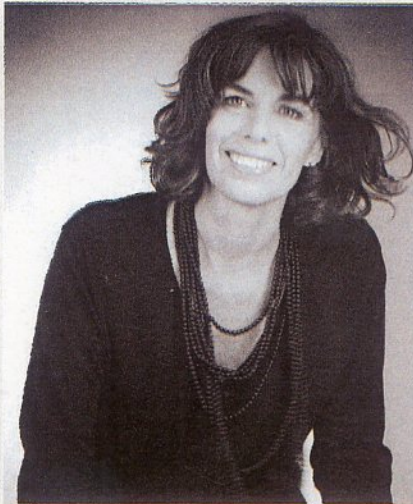
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## ON OUR RADAR Ms Nani Marquina

Designer and businesswoman Nani Marquina is the daughter of Spanish design pioneer Rafael Marquina and founded Nanimarquina more than 20 years ago. Since then, the Barcelona-based company has won numerous awards for its captivating rugs, known for their unique textures, patterns and shapes. We find out more about the lady behind the beautiful rugs.

### HOW IS YOUR WORK INFLUENCED BY WHERE YOU LIVE?

I live in Barcelona, one of the most popular design cities. I'm very influenced by the environment here, design is everywhere!

### WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY?

I especially remember when I was a child and I used to go to the Costa Brava beach with my family.

### WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

I'm always looking for new ideas, concepts; everything can inspire me, especially when I travel and encounter new things. The point is to have an open mind and to always have ideas in your mind.

### IF YOU COULD GO ANYWHERE WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

I'd love to go to the Himalayas.

### WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

Travelling!

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

My traditional fabrics collection. I'm always



buying new pieces of traditional fabric when I travel and I keep them tenderly.

### WHAT SINGLE THING WOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR LIFE?

Being less demanding, working less and resting more.

### WHO WOULD YOU INVITE TO YOUR DREAM DINNER PARTY?

Maybe some people that I didn't know personally would disappoint me... so I'd rather have a dinner party with my close friends.

### IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

Nowhere. I like the moment I live in.

### WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE, AND WHY?

I admire all people who give their life for others.

### WHAT'S THE BEST BOOK YOU'VE EVER READ?

*The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

### WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON AT THE MOMENT?

We are now working on a new range of wood products made in Africa. It's a brand new adventure for us, we are really enjoying it and, of course, these pieces will have Nanimarquina's essence.

### WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON LIFE HAS TAUGHT YOU?

After my first trip to India I realised that all people are equal everywhere; it doesn't matter what race, culture, religion. We all have the same needs.

### TRADITIONAL OR CONTEMPORARY?

Both

### COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE?

Colour

### SUMMER OR WINTER?

Summer

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## BOOKMARK Papercraft: Design and Art with Paper

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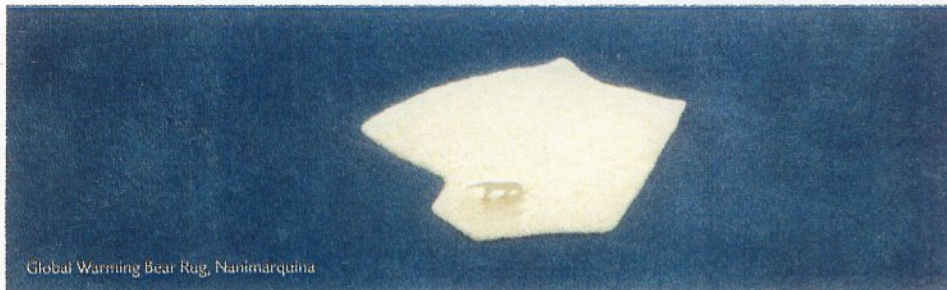
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