

JARDÍN POPULAR

On the occasion of the Abierto Mexicano de Diseño in Mexico City (9 to 13 October 2019), ECAL/University of Art and Design Lausanne presents a collection of garden furniture and accessories in enamelled steel — popularly known in Mexico as Peltre — conceived by second-year Bachelor Industrial Design students, under the guidance of Swiss designer Francisco Torres.

Popularly known in Mexico as Peltre, enamelled steel tableware can be seen on every tables, from the local street corner canteen, to the latest fashionable restaurant, Grandma's dishes or the family picnic set. Peltre's lightweight, smooth, durable and heat resistance surface as for many decades made it perfect for kitchenware, but other products applications are less common nowadays.

Seeing an opportunity to challenge this industry and seek new fields of applications, second-year Bachelor Industrial Design students of ECAL/University of Art and Design Lausanne are proposing a fresh take on garden furniture and accessories that takes full benefits of enamelled steel qualities.

Being scratch resistant, weatherproof and easy to clean, the enamelled products are keeping it up against the elements. Under the guidance of Swiss designer Francisco Torres, students conceived a range of objects from a simple watering cans, sturdy solar lanterns, playful rocking toy cows, divers plant supports, basic and compact garden tools, multipurpose low tables and resounding cowbells for the backyard menagerie.

The exhibited objects were enamelled in Mexico by the skillful craftsmen of Delta Porceltech, in Polotitlán City, Mexico.

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Projects

CHANTEPLEURE by ECAL/Bérengère Bussioz

A watering can designed to gently water the most delicate plants with a simple flick of the fingers.

TRÍO by ECAL/Olivia Dall'Omo

A family of stackable and compact gardening hand-tools composed of a planter, shovel and rake.

¡VACA! ¡VACA! by ECAL/Charlotte Krzentowski

Swiss twist on the classic rocking horse: the rocking cow.

CUCHARA by ECAL/François Lafortune

Made of a single piece, the stamped metal structure provides this basic solar lamp the needed coverage for the LED components and the strength to firmly anchor the lamp to the ground.

TABLITA by ECAL/Louis Béтин

Usable both as a side table or a stool, its proportions makes it a versatile object for the garden and beyond.

LIANAS by ECAL/Martin Stricker

This series of supports and posts will give a speck of personality to any garden.

ODETTE by ECAL/Alice Dermange

Resounding cowbells for the backyard menagerie.