



Morongwe measures, cuts, folds and fits together triangles to build a swan sculpture. She then glazes and seals it, so it can be used as a stationery holder, or just a colourful ornamental decoration.

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Artist Morongwe Mokone, who is originally from Pretoria and is now based in Switzerland, makes colourful swan bowls using recycled paper.

I NSPIRED by her Japanese roommate in London who would make origami pieces for extra money, Morongwe Mokone first started making her paper swans 11 years ago. "I was intrigued by this type of art and had to learn," she says.

Morongwe's creations are decorative as well as functional. It takes her about 6 hours to make one sculpture by hand: cutting and folding paper before putting the swan together and sealing it with glue for shine and strength.

"I love both colour and practicality," she says. "I also love the idea of

injecting colour into work spaces."

The swans, which sell for between R250 and R300 under Morongwe's decor brand Mo's Crib, will be available at Decorex Joburg in August, and at KAMERS/Makers in Stellenbosch and Irene towards the end of the year.

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