

# CURIOUSA

## SUSTAINABILITY IS CENTRAL TO OUR THINKING

### MADE LOCALLY WITH LESS WASTE

A respect for our shared natural world and its precious resources drives our whole approach. Central to our ethos is using local suppliers and makers, reducing material miles and helping to sustain our British Craft heritage. All of our metal, wood, glass and tassel elements are sourced locally or from the UK. Making all of our lights to order allows us to avoid using unnecessary resources and produces less waste.

### HALVING OUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION

All our ceramic pieces are made in-house and completed with only one firing - halving energy consumption. Most ceramic ware goes through two firings but through trial and error we've developed our pieces so this isn't necessary. This is possible as the material we have chosen is self glazing so it's not necessary to have an intermediate bisque firing.

### FROM GAS TO ELECTRIC

One of our glass blowing workshops has now gone electric - one of the first in the country. They also have plans to install photovoltaic panels to help supply the energy to their furnaces and kilns. An amazing step forward towards a more sustainable approach to glass making.

### PRODUCTS MADE TO LAST

We want to create products that last a lifetime and beyond. By using local craftspeople we can be assured of quality of material and finish. Plus, having a close relationship with our glass makers means every last detail can be fine-tuned and any issues are dealt with quickly. Our customers can be confident that our lights are made with the highest crafted quality and will stand the test of time, reducing our products' planet footprint.

### CIRCLE OF RE-USE

At present our glassblowers use approximately 35-70% recycled glass. Any non perfect pieces we keep and sell in our very popular SALE each year. So again, there's no need to waste pieces that don't pass the quality inspection. In fact, our customers love the small imperfections of swirls and bubbles that really show the hand made process. Also with our ceramic lighting - any pieces not deemed perfect can be dried, broken up and re-constituted, then used again and again. A perfect circle of re-use.

### REPAIR OR EXCHANGE

We offer a full REPAIR and EXCHANGE service. If ever a customer's light-piece needs some tender loving care we can fully repair it. Alternatively, if they want a refresh we offer a part exchange service too. They get a brand new light-piece and we can reuse their exchanged glass as part of a new Curiousa creation for someone else. Helping us to work towards a no waste society.

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Accolades: 2024 Livingetc Awards - Best Ceiling Light, 2023 Darc Awards Winner - KIT Decorative category, 2022 Darc Awards Nominee, 2021 Darc Awards Nominee. 2014 Dulux Let's Colour Awards - Best Use of Colour in Homes & Interiors Triptych Stacks, 2013 ELLE Decoration British Design Awards Nominee, 2012 ELLE Decoration British Design Awards Nominee.

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