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Bergontwerp is a Dutch studio led by Gerard Bovenberg. It makes handmade ceramic lamps and chandeliers in the extraordinary translucent and durable 'bone china' or 'ivory porcelain'.

These porcelain lamps with their subdued sculptural presence give warm atmospheric light. Some models also allow subtle direct and focused light through an opening in the lamp.

The lamps are produced manually in the artist's studio. They are cast in bone china which is often associated with classic, refined English tableware. But the unglazed bone china in these objects – with their irregular shape and 'skin' – has a solid and monumental appearance. This creates an intriguing tension with the translucent qualities of the porcelain.

Each casting has a distinct design that only becomes visible when the form is illuminated from within. The design consists of drips, drops, trapped air bubbles, pinholes and other irregularities in the petrified porcelain. Moreover, the finishing and the firing processes influence the final shape and surface of the lights. Each lamp is therefore unique.

In addition to a variety of lamps, Gerard also developed large multi-part chandeliers which can also be made in bespoke size and shape.

Dealers:

- M I N T Gallery, London
- The Frozen Fountain, Amsterdam
- Gallery Tutti Cortex, Rotterdam
- Van Tellingen Interiors, Zeist

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Dome China

A large dome-shaped chandelier, handmade in the translucent material bone china.

Bone china is often associated with classic English crockery, but was used for this project to create a light object with monumental dimensions and appearance. It is made up of a large number of parts. The cast elements have hand-sculpted models as a base. Together they form a slightly arched dome, whose parts differ greatly in light color and intensity by variables such as wall thickness and size.

The Dome China can consist of one, two or three rings and now in two sizes

1 ring | seven elements | diameter of about 90-95 cm

2 rings 22 elements | diameter of about 170 cm

3 rings | 45 elements | diameter of more than 250 cm



Dome China
at Piet Hein Eek

Bone china porcelain, metal frame, led lights | 170 cm



Dome China

in a former monestery at Buitenplaats Doornburgh

Bone china porcelain, metal frame, led lights | 170 cm



Dome China (1 ring version)
at M I N T, London

Bone China porcelain, metal frame | 90 cm



Dome China (1 ring version)
at The Frozen Fountain, Amsterdam

Bone China porcelain, metal frame | 90 cm



Dome China (1 ring version)

Complete with custom made rosette and braided steel cable to finish it of.



Dome China (1 ring version)
at M I N T, London

Bone China porcelain, metal frame | 90 cm





Bone china pendant with a closed bottom

Currently available in three sizes :

Large: height 40 cm, diameter 30 cm

Medium: height 27 cm, diameter 20 cm

Small: height 15 cm, diameter 12 cm



Large Bone china pendant with a closed bottom

bone china | height around 40 cm, diameter 30 cm



Bone china pendant 'Spot'

The opening is recessed in the bottom of the lamp, which more direct but uniquely shadowless light.

bone china | available in Large, Medium and Small



Large Bone china pendant 'Spot'

An example of a more expressive 'drawing' which is formed during the casting process.

bone china | height around 40 cm, diameter 30 cm



A cluster of three pendants that comes with a custom rosette. You can combine the different sizes for a more playfull look.



MINI Bone china pendant 'Spot'

in front of the medium sized pendant

bone china | height around 15 cm, diameter 12 cm





Floor Lamp bone china
at M I N T Londen

bone china, beech-wood and concrete | height: 180 cm



Bell shaped table luminaire

Bone China porcelain | Currently available in three sizes :

height 31 cm, diameter 19 cm

height 25 cm, diameter 15 cm

height 17 cm, diameter 10 cm



Bell shaped table luminaire

Bone China porcelain