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**Tuscan Table**



# Tuscan Table

Tuscan Table is the latest venture in a trio of restaurants including Tuscan Bistro in Freeport and Royal River Grill House in Yarmouth.

Each restaurant's distinctive interior design was created by Nicola's Home. Well known for her extensive residential design portfolio, Nicola Manganello's functionally elegant aesthetic is rapidly gaining popularity in commercial spaces throughout southern Maine. Each choice Nicola makes for a space is driven by a desire to create warmth and comfort. Tuscan Table is modern and inviting, anchored by an imposing marble bar. Wood brings warmth. Lighting illuminates without overpowering. Seating is conducive to conversation and relaxation.

Tuscan Table serves classic, simple Italian food created from the restaurant's two rustic wood ovens.

Tuscan Table, South Portland, Maine.





**“The restaurant location was a little “out of the way” so the space had to be a destination that attracted patrons. The light fixtures were design elements that reinforced and helped drive the business goal of attracting customers and enticing them to keep coming back.”**

**Nicola Manganello,  
Nicola’s Home**





# About the Fixtures

The Kōura family of fixtures comprises six sizes with the smallest at 20" high and the largest a towering 8 feet tall. The variety of sizes provided options to fill space that were cohesive and yet not too repetitive. The fixtures are made from bamboo plywood and airy by design, resulting in lightweight fixtures that did not require ceiling reinforcement or specialized hardware. Fixtures of different sizes were positioned together and hung at different heights to further enable variety and fill the cavernous space.

The Kōuras are not the only wooden fixtures featured in the restaurant as pieces by LZF and Bover are also installed in the space.

Tuscan Table, South Portland, Maine.



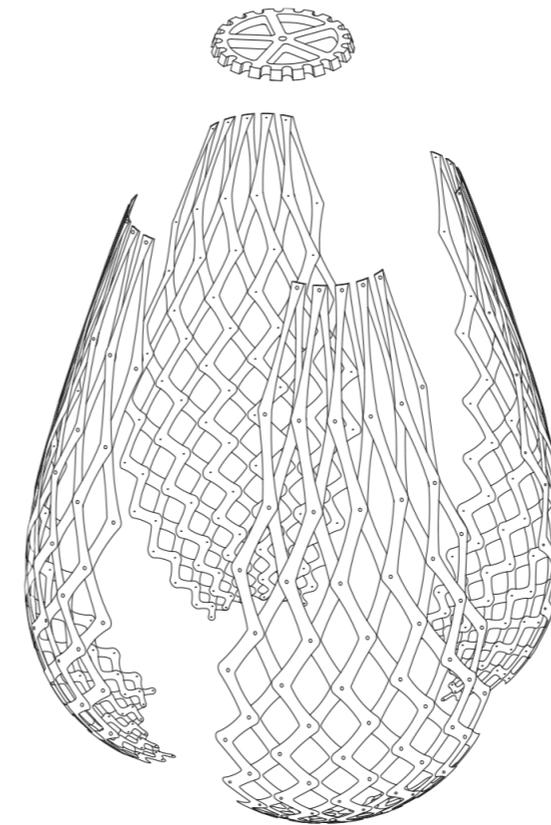


# Reducing our Footprint

Kōura is part of the Seed System family. Seed System is a design philosophy we developed that minimizes the effects of shipping on the environment. This means thinking with this in mind right from design conception through to production, packaging and the consumer experience. On average every Seed System kitset is 1/30th of the size of a fully assembled light. The light is easy to construct by following printed instructions included with the kitset and an online video.

All David Trubridge seed system fixtures ship as a compact set of components from New Zealand. The fixtures for Tuscan Grill were semi-assembled in Austin, Texas and then crated and shipped to the restaurant site. Prior to installation, the team spent 5-10 minutes per fixture to complete the assembly.

If the fixtures had been fully assembled in Austin and shipped, the freight volume would have been 10 times greater and the cost 3 times larger than for the semi-assembled versions!



“It was fun to be a part of the "creation" of the fixtures. I was surprised by how quickly we were able to put all the fixtures together.”  
- Design & Installation Team, Tuscan Table



**“The Nicola’s Home team utilized the full scale of the Kōura fixtures to create a stunning installation. By shipping semi-assembled fixtures we enabled lower cost freight and reduced the impact to the environment. The end result speaks for itself – a simply alluring space you just have to spend time in.”**

**John Cook,  
Owner, wakaNINE**

**“There is a fantastic notion at play in this project; Kōura is the Māori word for New Zealand’s native freshwater crayfish which is found in rivers and streams. Kōura was a nourishing food source for early Māori people, even the traps used to catch them were woven and looked very similar to our lights. So it’s great to see them used like this in a restaurant.”**

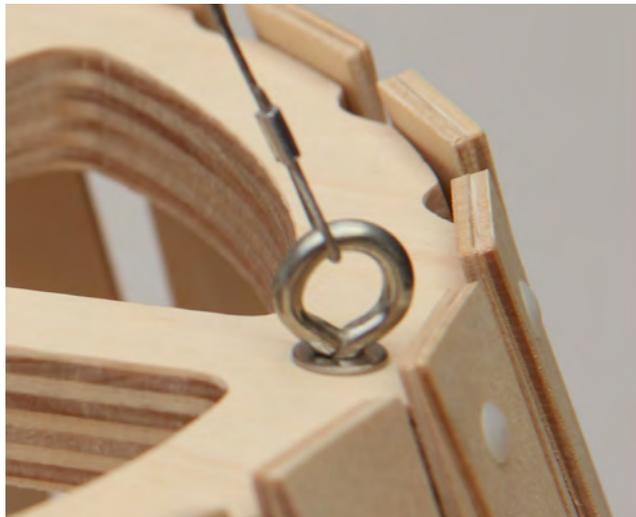
**David Trubridge,  
Design Director, David Trubridge Design**

Tuscan Table, South Portland, Maine.



# Construction

Kōura is made from bamboo plywood which is exclusively made for David Trubridge. The light is composed of two simple shapes that once assembled make a strong external skin. The Kōura 2400 (96" H) and 1600 (64" H) are hung via stainless steel cables supplied with high ceiling hardware for easy leveling and installation. The fixtures are lamped with a single medium base (E26) lamp of your choice. A G40 LED bulb looks great in the larger scale fixtures.



Tuscan Table, South Portland, Maine.



1600mm (63")

# Kōura options

Sixteen Kōura fixtures are installed in the space:

Model	Qty
Kōura 750	4
Kōura 1000	8
Kōura 1600	2
Kōura 2400	2

All fixtures are the Caramel bamboo finish without interior paint (CAR-CAR).



500mm (20")



750mm (29")



1000mm (39")



1600mm (63")



2000mm (79")



2400mm (94")



## Kōura

### Story

Inspired by woven baskets and also from the curled form of the New Zealand native fresh water shrimp, kōura, which is its Māori name.

### Size options

Height	Diameter
500mm (20")	300mm (12")
750mm (29")	420mm (17")
1000mm (39")	550mm (22")
1600mm (63")	950mm (37")
2000mm (79")	1100mm (43")
2400mm (94")	1400mm (55")

### Finish options





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