

Margaret*de*Arcos

SEDA NATURAL PINTADA A MANO

EXPERIENCES

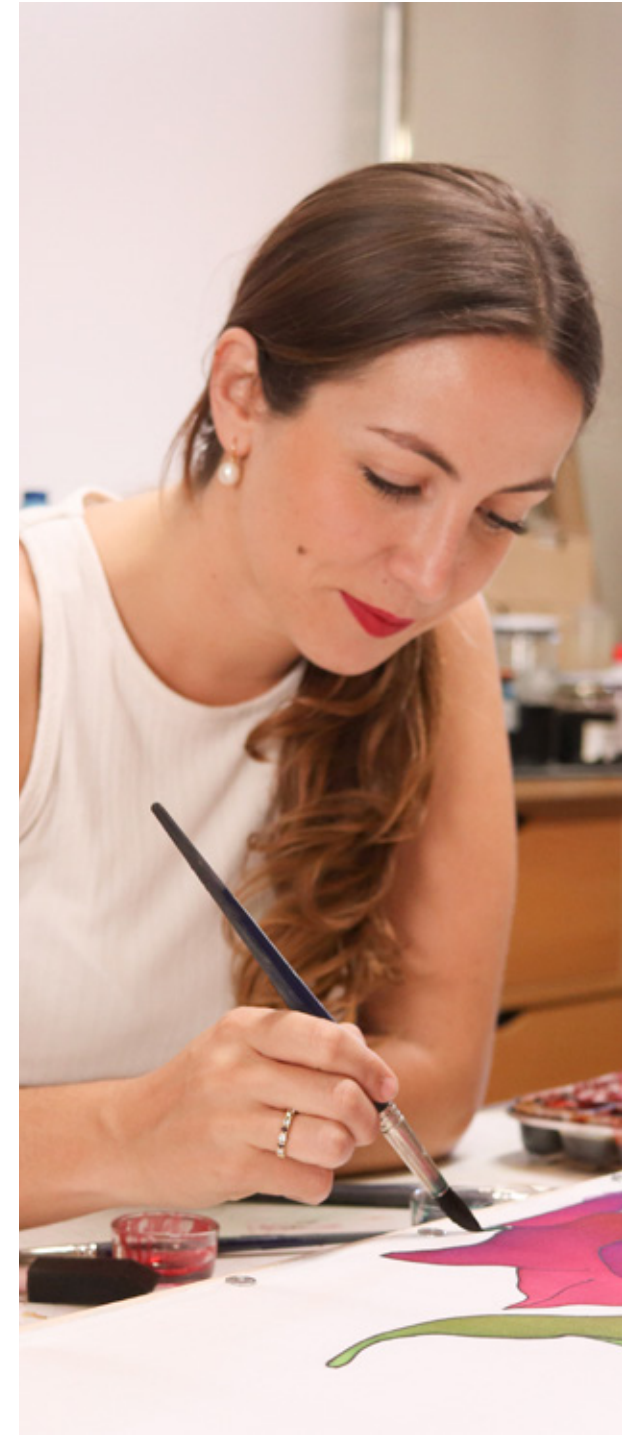
MARGARET DE ARCOS' STUDIO

Margaret de Arcos is a Spanish firm dedicated exclusively to painting natural silk, creating unique pieces for more than 25 years.

The brand began in 1996 at the hands of the master artisan Margaret de Arcos, who discovered the possibility of creating exclusive accessories through painting in natural silk, and the benefits of this fabric.

Since 2017, the designer Camila Puya de Arcos, graduated from IED Instituto Europeo di Design, has taken over the studio, a second generation of artisans. Her new vision as creative director of the firm, positioned Margaret de Arcos in the accessories market and in the fashion and decoration sectors. As a consequence of the growth of the artisan firm through the diversification of products, the international expansion of the brand and its focus within the field of crafts, Camila is included in the prestigious and exclusive international guide for artisans Homo Faber Guide, created by the Michelangelo Foundation, for her artisanal and creative painting work on natural silk.

On top of that, in 2023, the studio is recognized as a Point of Artisanal Interest by the regional government of Andalusia, Junta de Andalucía; a special recognition that only two workshops in Seville have. That same year, Camila was awarded the Andalusian Craftsmanship Award by the Andalusian Regional Government, recognizing her exceptional skill as an artisan and her dedication to preserving and promoting artisanal traditions.





SEVILLA AND THE SILK. A contemporary past

Margaret de Arcos has recovered for Seville a tradition that dates back to the city's medieval past and that is embedded in Seville's historical memory.

The production and sale of silk has been one of the main economic activities in Andalusia since the Middle Ages, especially after the incorporation of the peninsula into Islam, which introduced silk crafts from the East, especially in the valley of the Guadalquivir and in the kingdom of Granada.

This medieval tradition of the silk trade, with the incorporation of a large manufacturing sector made up of spinners, twisters, dyers, weavers and garment manufacturers, will be consolidated after the discovery of America when Seville was the main distribution center of the trade of Indies.

Today, we can find in the street map of the city of Seville some traces of this relationship between the city and textile crafts.

Margaret de Arcos' workshop brings experience and mastery of traditional silk painting techniques, along with innovation in the field of design and artistic creation, and keeps alive the legacy of silk mastery that she has been active in the Seville city for hundreds of years.



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OUR EXPERIENCES

PRIVATE SHOPPING

At Margaret de Arcos, we want to show and teach the crafts and history of our city.

Visit the artisan workshop of Margaret de Arcos in the heart of Seville and enjoy an exclusive artisan experience, where the client can see live the different techniques of painting on silk, the creation from scratch of a piece as emblematic as the fan or simply , getting to know an artisan workshop with more than 25 years of history.

Apart from that, you will have the opportunity to acquire the piece from the hands of the artisan herself, turns our private shopping into a unique and exclusive experience for any visitor. The shopping experience is key for us so all our visitors will be offered a glass of wine or coffee as well as personalized attention from our staff.

Our private shopping is the best option to understand the importance of Andalusian crafts and the authenticity and exclusivity that characterizes Margaret de Arcos. An experience where you can see, touch and try our pieces from different collections with fully personalized and individual advice to meet all expectations of the client.



SILK PAINTING

Our artisan, Camila Puya de Arcos, defines crafts as “A way of creating something from scratch, in a studied way, which carries tradition and should be shown, explained and never hidden”.

It is from this thought, that of teaching all the secrets and ins and outs of our craft, where our experiences are born.

In this silk techniques' workshop, we offer in our own artisan workshop, an experience of between 90 and 180 minutes, depending on the availability of the client, where he will learn in a practical way, different ancient techniques of painting on silk and will create his own piece in natural silk.

The experience starts with an explanation of the history and relationship of Seville with silk and our final objective is to welcome the visitor and show them a different Seville full of crafts, design and color.

As the rest of our experiences, we welcome our clients with a small breakfast or snack to make them feel at home.



At Margaret de Arcos, we offer you unique, exclusive and completely handmade experiences, in hand with the artisan and designer Camila Puya de Arcos, where the visitor will enjoy the essence and culture of Seville with their five senses.



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Some of the clients we work with:

