



Sejal Mody's

# CERAMIC

*Painter and ceramic artist SEJAL MODY of Mumbai began experimenting with jewellery to expand her channels of creativity.*





Sejal's jewellery artfully combines ceramic with wood, beads and jute to create one-of-a-kind pieces. She uses dusting of liquid gold in her ceramic and wooden rings.

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A JJ School of Arts graduate and a painter by profession, Sejal Mody felt she needed to expand her creative boundaries with ceramics. She went to Andretta Pottery at Kangra in Himachal Pradesh to learn the art. She also mastered the art of glazing under Sandeep Manchekar in Mumbai. Soon, she started playing with clay and created murals, cheese platters, abstract artworks as well as boxes and trays.

Later, Sejal branched out into ceramic jewellery. She combined ceramic with wood, beads and jute to create fun, one-of-a-kind pieces that are apt for daily wear and destination weddings. Her earthy jute and ceramic jewellery is a hot seller and her ceramic and wooden rings with a dusting of liquid gold are definite statement makers.

"Wood blends well with ceramic and gives shape and character to the jewellery," says Sejal. Her pieces are three-dimensional and off the beaten track. For the more

elaborate pieces, Sejal amalgamates silver and kundan work with ceramic. This year, she plans to build on her silver and gold series.

Alongside her larger artworks, she spends time working on smaller jewellery components and then builds the jewellery by combining it with jute, thread and beads.

While Sejal retails at multi-designer stores like Creo and Fuel, she feels exhibitions give her an additional push to create something new.

Deeply into prayer and meditation, her spirituality is evident in her artworks. "I first get excited by colours and textures. I constantly experiment and play with clay till I achieve the desired shape and texture. I then contemplate on the colours to be used for glazing. Inspiration for me is a slow process and I take my time with each piece," says Sejal. The resultant jewellery is nothing short of being an artwork itself. ■

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