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Abby Modell Brings Her Ethereal Art Out East

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Artist Abby Modell uses everyday glass and mirrors to create transcendent artworks inspired by the solar system.



MoonWave comprises mirror, glass, and rock gems.

This month, acclaimed glass artist [Abby Modell](#) will exhibit her array of colorful work at [artMRKT](#) (July 10-13) and [The Hampton Designer Showhouse](#) (July 20-September 1). Modell's pieces draw inspiration from nature, particularly the beauty found within natural rock crystals and the night sky. The resulting artwork comprises hand-blown glass set against mirrored canvases that represent the vast depths of outer space.

For example, Modell's orbital installation, *Milky Way Peach*, adds Swarovski crystals and hand-blown glass in earthy tones to a framed, peachy-hued glass mirror. Similarly, *MoonWave* features neutral colors, albeit this time reflected on individual mirrored tiles with faceted fragments of glass and mirror to mark the ebb and flow of a wave pattern. And Modell's *Moon Cube* collection comprises shades of watery blue and white hand-blown glass with Swarovski crystals set within or atop clear cocktail tables, presented in fluid, swirling patterns.

Modell's work has been showcased at eminent fairs and galleries, including Art Palm Beach and SOFA NY. She was even awarded the ASID Top Picks 2014 at the *Architectural Digest* Home Design Show.

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GLASS ARTIST ABBY MODELL DISPLAYS HER NEW COLLECTION OF WORKS AT THIS WEEKEND'S ARTMRKT HAMPTONS IN BRIDGEHAMPTON. BY JILL SIERACKI

One of the important elements in designing my work is the "wow" factor," says artist Abby Modell, who will be displaying her one-of-a-kind handblown glass creations at this weekend's annual artMRKT Hampton. Among the pieces on display will be Modell's *Landscape in Rainbow*, a large grouping of wall-mounted, colorful, handblown glass discs, and *Milly Wiy*, glass orbs ranging from clear to white, and Swarovski crystals that float on a mirrored surface. "From a design point of view, working with mirror added another dimension, which was challenging and needed to be considered while conceptualizing each piece in the series. Overcoming the technical aspects of creating these pieces was a great achievement for me," she says.

Modell, whose latest pieces feature an iridescent glaze that perfectly captures the light, says it was the area's own famous light and shimmering waterways that inspired her show in the Hamptons. "My new collection is

influenced by the night sky and the galaxy," she says. "The beauty of nature and its elements create organic forms that offer endless inspiration. The twinkling of the stars and celestial translucent shapes open my mind to infinite patterns, textures, and colors."

Inspired by the works of masters of the medium such as Dale Chihuly, Harvey Littleton, and Venini, Modell initially began working in 3-D sculptural forms before graduating to sculptural wall installations—many of which can take months to create. Her latest works use mirrors as canvas, a technique that lends a three-dimensional quality to her wall hanging pieces and helps her "visualize the glass in a new vertical perspective," says Modell, who also showed at Art Hampton in 2009 and 2011. "The glass creates an infinity effect through the mirror, which encourages endless dreams." *Abby Modell's work will be on display at artMRKT Hampton, taking place July 11-14 at the Bridgehampton Historical Society, 2368 Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton; art-modd.com* H

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For a French transplant to New York, luxury is key among Midtown's madding crowd

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