



SHENGSHIJIN ART | PINGSHAN DISTRICT, SHENZHEN, CHINA

Material and Finish Guide

What each material and surface finish is for
How colour is approved before production
What to send the workshop when you ask for a price

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Materials We Work In

Stainless steel, 304 as standard

Plate is hand forged and welded into a hollow body, then ground and polished. Hollow construction keeps the weight down at large sizes, which matters for roof gardens, ceiling fixings and site handling. 304 holds a polish and stands up to rain and pool water.

Cast copper and brass

Poured rather than formed, which is what makes fine figurative detail possible: animals, portrait heads, relief work. Heavier and warmer in colour than steel, and it develops a patina outdoors unless it is maintained.

Wrought iron

Worked for pieces that want a drawn line rather than a reflective volume.

Surface Finishes

Mirror polish

Ground through successive grits until weld lines disappear, then polished. The piece reflects sky and planting, so it reads as part of the space rather than as an object added to it. Shows fingerprints indoors, wipes clean with a soft cloth.

Brushed satin

A directional grain that reads as a solid form instead of a reflection. Quieter in a busy interior and more forgiving of handling marks. Clean along the grain.

Colour electroplating

Colour carried in the plating rather than sitting on top of the metal. Approved from a physical sample before production.

Baked lacquer

A painted colour baked onto the piece, used for solid colour work such as the blue decorative balls. The widest colour range of the four.

Choosing Between Them

Outdoors and near water

Polished or brushed stainless steel needs no coating to maintain. Painted and lacquered surfaces are the ones that chalk and need attention over time.

Fine figurative detail

Casting in copper or brass, not forming in steel plate.

A fixed colour reference

Send the reference. Baked lacquer covers the widest range, electroplating gives a metallic colour. Either way a sample is approved first.

A set that has to match

Order the set together. Everything is finished in the same workshop, which is why the pieces arrive matching rather than nearly matching.

What to Send With an Enquiry

Six lines is enough

The piece or the drawing. The finished size. The quantity. The finish. Where it will be installed, whether that is lawn, paving, water, wall or ceiling. The destination port, so crating can be confirmed.

File formats

PDF, DWG, STEP, JPG and PNG all work. Attach them to the email directly; there is no upload portal on this site.