



DETROIT MALLETSWORKS® MALLETSWORKS®

The traditional woodcraft mallet, remade.



FOUNDER

Diane Hellner is the founder of Detroit Malletworks, a woman-owned studio producing sculptural hardwood mallets designed in Michigan and crafted in the USA. Her background is in fine arts — BFA, College for Creative Studies, Detroit — which is another way of saying she was trained to see before she was trained to do anything else. She has spent her career in creative direction, product design, and design-to-spec artisan production.

FAST FACTS

Founded

2020

Founder

Diane Hellner

Woman-owned

Yes

Production

Designed in Michigan. Crafted in the USA.

The Work

Sculptural hardwood mallets in four collections — Astro, Figure, Calla, and Bump — twenty models total. Turned from sustainably sourced North American hard maple, hand-finished in Michigan.

Positioning

Art that happens to be a tool. Functional objects for the kitchen, home, garden, and workspace — designed to live outside the drawer.

Price Range

Wholesale, \$28–\$85; Retail, \$56–\$170.

Materials

100% hard maple, 100% food safe. Bump collection includes vegetable-tanned leather straps.

Giving Back

A portion of our profit is donated to Noah at Central, Detroit, MI

OUR STORY

The most delicious things happen when you least expect them.

I needed to crush a handful of walnuts for cookies. I grabbed an old woodworking mallet and was startled by how well it worked — and how often I reached for it after that. It rolled dough. It cracked shellfish.

My new find quickly became everyone else's go-to, too.

Years later, in a fine arts woodworking class at the College for Creative Studies, I was handed a mass-produced mallet and told to copy it. I didn't. I'd first been drawn to Sophie Taeuber-Arp's tabletop wood sculptures and geometric forms; going deeper into Barbara Hepworth's work, I found we spoke the same language.

I designed my own — shaped by both, and by the Holmegaard glass forms of Per Lütken. Practical, familiar, and beautiful. Sculptural objects that earn their place outside the drawer.

The woodcraft mallet is one of humanity's oldest tools. We kept the heft and made it beautiful.

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Made to be used. Made to be seen.



PRESS

Uppercase Magazine, Issue 62 — full feature
The Cricket, Out & About | Holidays 2025 — gift guide
SEEN Magazine — Holiday Gift Guide 2024
Mlive.com — photo feature, Jacob Hamilton

TRADE

Wholesale available — detroitmalletworks.com
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