

Despite the name, LEIA coffee table is not inspired by Star wars' Princess Leia. Yet true to its bun-like contour and black finish, LEIA is a piece just as amusingly recognizable.

What makes it distinctive is the silhouette that starts from the table top to its bottom. The outer lines on the top project inwards and back out to the base creating both an aesthetic humor and extra function with its innovative storage space. With the glass top inset on the frame, one can easily see this outline.

A major inspiration of LEIA is its material which is woven rattan in glossy black finish. Rattan weaving is one of the many talents of Filipinos and because of this, LEIA was designed to share and boast my country's native skill and excellent capability. The curves and starburst pattern of LEIA challenges both the designer to create a pattern fit for the frame and the weaver to fabricate it.

In belief that designers now should innovate towards sustainability, another source of inspiration comes from a significant and much needed aspiration to go green. With the rattan, which is established worldwide a sustainable, and the wood frame, LEIA is a certified green piece.

Ultimately, LEIA coffee table is inspired by global awareness, functional aesthetics, and patriotism.

