

HexHive | Natalia Quiroz



Artist Statement

Meet HexHive - I created this observation honeybee hive with the idea of making apiculture more accessible to non-beekeepers such as educators to keep in their classroom or your everyday person young or old to incorporate it in non-traditional beekeeping spaces like your home. The HexHive differs from the usual box hive with its sleek six sided modern design hoping to provoke interest and build a personal relationship with bees. Has two removable frames but fits four and its wall mounted so it could be placed indoors or outdoors.

The HexHive can expand in many ways. It's a start to increase the local distressed population by not only placing it in your homes but in public places, community gardens, and parks throughout Miami. But why stop there, the benefits could also include education through workshops, mentorships pairing experienced beekeepers with novices and field trips for kids. Beautification of neglected and underutilized areas. Proliferation of community gardens. And the production of rich honey, which each neighborhood could consume or sell. This project has pushed me to do more than just hold myself accountable. It has taken my love for art and the ecosystem to be as one. I wanted to create something that's not only aesthetically pleasing and a conversation starter but that's functional and could actually make a change.