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according to [alessandro zambelli](#), *'infinite smallness sometimes opens into infinite universes. take entomology, for example. despite its classification systems, it never loses touch with the beauty and magic of discovery.'* **zambelli** takes this strict discipline's hidden charm as the starting point for 'maggiolina', a collection of table lamps and wall lights from [.exnovo](#) on preview at [maison et objet](#) (hall 8, stand C19).

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the italian designer laces the wonder of science with fantasy by making an allusion to 'the metamorphosis' of franz kafka, whose character wakes up transformed into an ungainly little creature. in this project, kafka's tale influences another, progressive evolution - just as surreal, but playful and absorbing too: a beetle becomes a lamp. through the rotund shape of the sinterized polyamide diffuser, we can make out the polished shell of the forewings, ready to reveal the source of illuminance within.



the product measures 14.8 cm wide by 15.3 cm high and is 11.5 cm deep

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