

Andrea Zittel:

A-Z West Works
And High Desert Test Sites



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A-Z West is an artwork by Andrea Zittel located on almost 80 acres in the California high desert next to Joshua Tree National Park. Since its inception in 2000, A-Z West has functioned as Zittel's evolving testing grounds for living—a place in which spaces, objects, and acts of living all intertwine as a single ongoing investigation into social norms, values, and what it means to live and participate in culture today. Works and projects at A-Z West include Zittel's home/testing grounds, A-Z West studio and weaving studio, the Wagon Station Encampment, Regenerating Field, Planar Pavilions, a 10-acre parcel for High Desert Test Sites projects, and several adjacent parcels slated for future projects.

A-Z West Works are made in the A-Z West studio where all income generated is used to fund the residency programmes and general sustainability of A-Z West. Sales from The Shop also generate income for artists local to the High Desert where employment and means of financial support are limited. A-Z West Works include A-Z Containers, A-Z Covers, A-Z Corners as well as the A-Z West Studio Weavings.

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A-Z West Containers

A-Z Containers are handmade ceramic bowls that serve all eating and drinking functions. Andrea Zittel began using containers in daily life in the early 1990's and they continue to serve as the sole dinnerware used at A-Z West. Large bowls are perfect for main meals, medium bowls for cereals, sides, or tea, and small bowls are just right for a cocktail.









A-Z West Studio Weavings

A-Z West Studio Weavings are hand-woven one-of-a-kind weavings made by the community of artists who utilize the A-Z West Weaving Studio. These artists come from a diverse array of backgrounds, but all share a common interest in weaving in its diversity of forms.



Jennifer Morris, Voile Solaire
2019
weaving, handwoven textile
75.5 x 55 cm / 29 ³/₄ x 21 ⁵/₈ in



Jennifer Morris, Messier 45
2019
weaving, handwoven textile
135 x 67 cm / 53 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 25 $\frac{5}{8}$ in

A-Z West Covers

A-Z West Covers are hand woven in the A-Z West weaving studio. These wool panels are intended to function in a myriad of ways; a West Works panel can be worn a warm wrap, it can cover a table or bed, it can be folded to soften a hard seat or hung up in a window or on a wall.-.



A-Z West Corners

The A-Z West Corner is a simple design that can be used to support the body and/or other objects. Turned on one side it becomes a low bench, turned on another end it becomes an end table and turned on its side it becomes a low desk.



A-Z West Corner

2019

101 x 60.9 x 53.3 cm / 40 x 24 x 21 in;

73.6 x 60.9 x 53.3 cm / 29 x 24 x 21 in

Vertical Accumulators

It is difficult if not impossible to place a hook on a wall without eventually hanging something on it. Vertical Accumulators, an original artwork by Andrea Zittel, function as magnets for the detritus of life and living.

Each bronze accumulator is unique: a lost was cast generated from a hand made wax original.

Random objects may be casually placed on these accumulators but the organized arrangement of the accumulators will always result in a coherent collection.



High Desert Test Sites

As a conceptual entity, High Desert Test Sites is dedicated to “learning from what we are not” and the belief that intimately engaging with our high desert community can offer new insights and perspectives, often challenging art to take on new areas of relevancy. HDTS supports intimate and immersive experiences and exchanges between artists, critical thinkers, and general audiences. Programs include guides to the high desert’s cultural test sites, immersive excursions, solo projects, workshops, publications, residencies, and monthly community programming. Once a year, High Desert Test Sites organise a gem and mineral pop-up as a fundraiser to help cover a portion of operating costs. HDTS stones are sourced from the gem mineral mecca, Quartzsite, Arizona where every winter over 2,000 vendors of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, and everything else imaginable convene to create one of the largest open-air flea markets in America.



Amethyst

Amethyst is an extremely powerful and protective stone with a high spiritual vibration. It guards against psychic attack, transmuting the energy into love. A natural tranquilizer, amethyst blocks geopathic stress and negative environment energies. Its serenity enhances higher states of consciousness and meditation. Amethyst has strong healing and cleansing powers, and enhances spiritual awareness. Traditionally, it was worn to prevent drunkenness and has a sobering effect on overindulgence and physical passions, supporting sobriety. It overcomes addictions and blockages of all kinds. Used at a higher level, Amethyst opens to another reality.



Green Mossey Quartz

Quartz is one of the most efficient grounding and anchoring stones, and at the same time raises vibrations during meditation. This protective stone has a strong link with the earth and the base chakras, promoting a concern for the environment and ecological solutions. This stone is a superb antidote to stress; It assists in tolerating difficult times with equanimity, fortifying resolve.



Banded Calcite

Calcite is a powerful amplifier and cleanser of energy. Simply having Calcite in the room cleans negative energies from the environment and heightens your energy. Within the body, it removes stagnant energy. The spectrum of colours cleans the physical and subtle bodies. Calcite is an active crystal, speeding up development and growth. This is a spiritual stone linked to the higher consciousness that facilitates the opening of higher awareness and psychic abilities such as channelling and out of body experiences. It accelerates spiritual development and allows the soul to remember experiences when it returns to the body.



Black Tourmaline

Black Tourmaline protects against cell phones, electromagnetic smog, radiation, psychic attack, spells and ill-wishing and negative energies of all kinds. Connecting with the base chakra, it grounds energy and increases physical vitality, dispersing tension and stress. Clearing negative thoughts, it promotes a laid back attitude and objective neutrality and a clear rational thought processes. It encourages a positive attitude, no matter what the circumstances, and stimulates altruism and practical creativity.



Quartz Crystal

Quartz is by far the most versatile and multidimensional stone in the mineral realm. Three of its key properties are energy amplification, programmability and memory. Sitting in mediation with a piece of Quartz, one can visualize and image of one's intention or desired outcome within the crystal, and this will have the effect of powerful psychic amplification. After such a session, or especially if one practices the same programming repeatedly with the same crystal, numerous inner and outer events will seem to conspire synchronistically to bring about the manifestation of one's wish. Quartz is also a stone of Light, bringing heightened spiritual awareness to whoever wears, carries or meditates with it. Sleeping with Quartz can enhance the vividness of dreams and holding a clear quartz will often deepen ones' experience of meditation.



Mystic Merlinite

Merlinite is an aid to learning all types of magic. It opens the psychic channels for intuitive understanding and also attracts teachers from other planes to assist in one's studies during the dream state and in meditation. It helps one grasp the interrelations between astrology, tarot, numerology and other occult sciences.



Desert Rose

The Desert Rose is sometimes called the Sand Rose, Selenite Rose, or Gypsum Rose. It is a form of gypsum that is created when sand particles become embedded in it, forming rosette-like concretions. They are found in arid, desert regions, hence their name. Desert rose come in both white and brown varieties. Both forms help dissolve self-imposed programs that have been running for too long. Having a Selenite Desert Rose in one's home or office can help remove energy blockages, assist in mental acuity, and aid in bringing prosperity to businesses. It can help strengthen decision-making, is a powerful cleanser and channels a white healing light.