



RŪTA PALIONYTĖ

DESIGNER & LIGHT ARTIST

Material-driven practice across light art, product, and spatial installation design

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EXPERIENCE

2024 – present. Co-founder & Designer, Daydreaming Objects, Copenhagen
2014 – present. Independent Light Artist & Designer
2023 – 2025 Expert in Applied Arts and Design Lithuanian Council for Culture (remote)

TEACHING AND WORKSHOP LEADERSHIP

2018 Workshop leader at *TARTU IN LIGHT* cross-disciplinary festival of light art, Estonia.
2016 Lighting Design workshop for kids *SUPERHERO*, Užupis Art Incubator, Vilnius, Lithuania.
2015-16 Lighting Design workshops for Interior Design students at Vilnius College of Design, Lithuania.
2015-16 Lecturer for Lighting Design at Vilnius College of Design, Vilnius, Lithuania.

SELECTED PROJECTS & EXHIBITIONS

2026 Exhibition *Soft Solids: Stem, Bend and Archive*, Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, Palanga.
2026 Group exhibition *Deoron* at annual design festival, 3daysofdesign, Copenhagen.
2026 Group exhibition *Deoron* at Milan Design Week, Porta Venezia Design District, Milan, Italy.
2025 Exhibition *Soft Solids* Klaipėda. Jusionis Art Gallery, Lithuania.
2025 Group exhibition *Elevating Objects* curated by *Deoron*. Milano Design Week, Italy.
2025 Group exhibition *Tactile Baltics* at Milan Design Week. Palazzo Litta, Italy.
2025 Exhibition design for *Amare džipena* Stories of Vilnius Roma*. In collaboration with arch. Akvilė Brazauskaitė, Vilnius Museum, Lithuania.
2024 *Daydreaming Objects* at exhibition *Transcendence*, Denmark's annual design festival, 3daysofdesign, Copenhagen.
2024 Collectible design fair in Brussels. Participation in collaboration with Gallery Vartai. Brussels, Belgium.
2024 Exhibition *Soft Solids* at *Gallery Vartai*. In collaboration with Ieva Baranauskaite. Vilnius, Lithuania.
2023 Collectible design fair in Brussels. In collaboration with Gallery Vartai. Brussels, Belgium.
2023 Interior lighting design for the private house, Bagenkop, Denmark.
2022 Exhibition: light object Daydreamer at 'apiece' gallery. Vilnius, Lithuania.
2022 Exhibition the Invisibles. The object Daydreamer at National Museum of Applied Arts and Design. Vilnius, Lithuania.
2022 Site specific installation *Emerging* for Kaunas, European Capital of Culture 2022 opening event, Kaunas, Lithuania.
2021 Lighting design for Mette Martinussen food theatre performance *Change Food* at Tomorrow festival, Copenhagen.
2021 *Travers* interdisciplinary collaboration at Copenhagen Contemporary (CC), Copenhagen, Denmark.
2021 Installation and visual identity for international Vilnius film festival *Kino pavasaris*, Lithuania.
2020 Light installation *For the Lonely Giant Plant*. Copenhagen Light Festival, Denmark.
2019 Landscape lighting design for *El Guarapo Apartamentos* hotel garden, Lanzarote, Grand Canaria.
2019 *Reflexio* - permanent light art installation at Estonian Museum of Architecture, Tallinn, Estonia.
2018 *Travers* interdisciplinary art project at Glyptoteket Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark.
2018 *Yozakura*. Art director and lighting designer for Night Sakura Blooming event, Vilnius Botanical Garden, LT.
2017 Installation *Present Perfect*. List í ljósi light art festival, Seyðisfjörður, Iceland.
2016 Light art project for *Sapieha Palace*, Vilnius Capital Days, Lithuania.
2015 Installation *Reflexio*, Lux Matrix light festival. Tallinn, Estonia.

- 2015 Installation *Reflexio, Narracje* festival of artistic visual installations in Gdansk, Poland.
- 2015 Installation *Reimagining of the landscape* for Vilnius Culture Night, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 2014 Kinetic light sculpture *Light catcher*. Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland.

EDUCATION

MA in Arts, Lighting Design, Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland, 2014.
 BA Architectural Technology, VIA University College, Denmark, 2012.
 BA Interior Design, Vilnius College, Lithuania, 2007.
 Erasmus Exchange, ESAD College of Art and Design, Portugal, 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

- Material Report: 3daysofdesign by Architonic and Material Bank Europe, p. 23, June 2026.
- FRAME magazine issue 166: Renewal Vs. Heritage, p. 11, April-May 2026.
- ROOM Diseño magazine, Nr 51, p. 30-31, Madrid, Spain. March 2026.
- <https://www.designboom.com/design/repurposed-wax-modular-light-tower-sculptures-daydreaming-objects-11-23-2025/>
- <https://materialdistrict.com/article/soft-solids-lighting-design-with-natural-wax/>
- <https://www.yankodesign.com/2025/11/27/these-modular-wax-lights-stack-like-living-totems/>
- <https://echogonewrong.com/photo-reportage-from-the-exhibition-soft-solids-by-ieva-baranauskaite-and-ruta-palionyte-at-the-jusionis-art-gallery-in-klaipeda/>
- <https://www.stirpad.com/news/stir-news/soft-solids-by-daydreaming-objects-is-a-symphony-of-light-and-nature/>
- <https://www.deoron.com/magazine/vintage-revival-soft-solids-collection-breathing-new-life-into-old-lamps>
- <https://www.furnitureindia.com/articles/70732/vintage-lamp-bases-meet-natural-wax-shades-in-a-tribute-to-renewability>
- <https://www.elledecoration.vn/trends/new-design/den-soft-solids->
- <https://www.trendhunter.com/trends/soft-solids>
- <https://www.adplusl.com/learning/soft-solids-sustainable-wax-lighting>
- <https://echogonewrong.com/photo-reportage-from-the-exhibition-soft-solids-by-ieva-baranauskaite-ruta-palionyte-at-vartai-gallery/> (2024).
- [d]arc awards lighting design publication (2022):
<https://darcawards.com/portfolio/daydreamer-ruta-palionyte-ieva-baranauskaite/>
- LYS magazine (Danish Light Center), Nr.3 | December 2022. Daylight issue, featuring the luminaire Daydreamer, p 15.

INTERVIEWS

- Magazine AD Polska, article on Lithuanian design in Architectural Digest Poland (Nr. 3 / 2026).
- Magazine LAMU SLÉNIS, Interior and Design Edition (2025 Autumn).
- [https://archiveofobjects.net/en/design-culture/daydreaming-objects-interview/\(2025\)](https://archiveofobjects.net/en/design-culture/daydreaming-objects-interview/(2025)).
- RUM interior and design magazine, interview with Daydreaming Objects, RUM I 09/24, p.47 (2024).
- DEZEEN: <https://www.dezeen.com/2024/04/02/daydreaming-objects-soft-solids-wax-lighting/>
- 3D MAGAZINE - decorative lighting design directory 2023-2024, full interview on p.34-35: https://issuu.com/mondiale/docs/3d23_digital_issuu
- ECHO GO WRONG magazine for contemporary art (2022):
<https://echogonewrong.com/on-light-in-space-architecture-and-art-a-conversation-with-the-artist-ruta-palionyte/>

AWARDS

- *Soft Solids: wax lighting* - Green Product Award winner in a category Interior & Lifestyle, Berlin, 2026.
- *Soft Solids: wax lighting* - Best of the Best distinction at the *Seoul Design Award* 2025, South Korea, 2025.
- Boligfunden Kuben fund for research: *Natural Wax as a design material*, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2025.
- Light object *Daydreamer* - 2nd place in the category for the best decorative lighting product at the International Lighting Design awards- DARC AWARDS, London. 2022, UK.
- Light object *Daydreamer*- finalist in Lighting Category at Isola Design District. Milan, Italy, 2022.
- Boligfunden Kuben fund for *CREATIVE USE OF DAYLIGHT*, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2022.
- Estonian Annual Museum Prize: Best Permanent Exhibition *EXPLORE THE SPACE- installation Reflexio*, 2019.