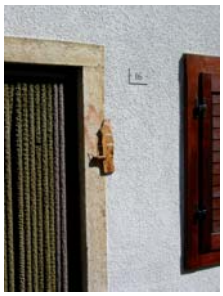
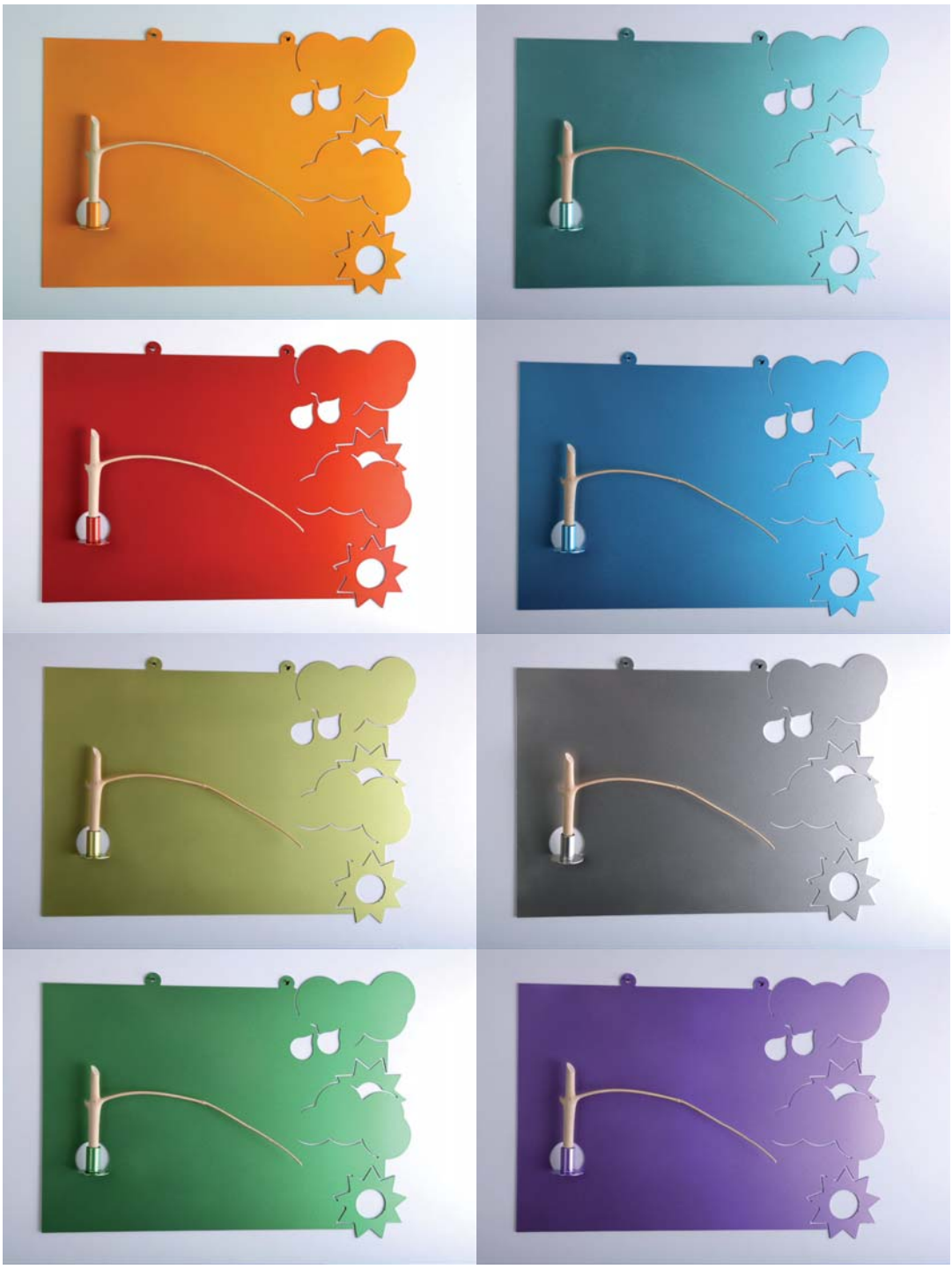


*Arsié is the name of a small village in the province of Belluno in the Veneto Region, lying between Mount Grappa and the Asiago Plateau (highlands). Strolling around the streets of the village or even climbing up the mountain's road you will notice a very strange thing: many houses façades or porticos display this weird object made of a fine chiselled wooden board and a wooden stick. It is a weather indicator, an ornamental object that allows weather forecasting! Magically, the wooden stick moves depending on the weather and thus indicates weather tendencies. The stick pointing down indicates sunshine; horizontal indicates cloudy; upwards indicates rain or even snow. The stick is made of deal (pine) and inserted in a typical alpine featured support. Wood is a living matter which preserves its memory. There's an intuitive explanation. Firs open their branches when the sun is out, so that the leaves get more light, while in the rain or in the snow they tend to close their branches by pointing their tips upwards. Yet, it is surprising to notice how the wood still moves when it senses humidity and reacts accordingly. Peasants had a good eye when they noticed this characteristic and made it into a pleasant invention. It is well known that wood "moves", bends; even window shutters swell with humidity and shrink with dryness.*

I have learnt by walking in the forest how to choose the right trees, how to distinguish the right tips, take them off the branch at the right time of the season and let them dry in the right environment for the correct amount of time. Magic is then quickly performed. Here I offer the object inserted in a modern metallic holder in various colours. The weather indicator will accompany your existence and never let you down, against all accredited weather forecasts. Try and experience it! You will be able to arrange an escapade in complete serenity and show your friends an accuracy on tomorrow's weather with no faults! It should not be kept indoors, otherwise it will be subject to artificial heating; it is better to keep it outside, not in sunlight but rather in the shade.

# Weather Indicator 'Bernaccadicesole' design Carlo Guazzo



Measurement: 38xH28 cm
Iron sheet 12/10 laser cut
furnace coated in 8 colours:

plain orange-yellow
metallic shiny orange-vermillion
metallic shiny lime-green
metallic shiny dark green
metallic shiny turquoise-green
metallic shiny sky-blue
metallic shiny champagne-grey
metallic shiny lilac

Deal wooden stick

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