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What a Little Moonlight Can Do

Marc Baroud's moon-inspired lights

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Inspired by the magic of moonlight on an otherwise dark night, Lebanese designer-architect [Marc Baroud](#) has created *Spoutnik*. This charming lighting trio was designed as an homage to the Earth's only natural satellite, and features moon-like bulbs composed of hand-sculpted resin and fiberglass (perfect for mimicking the varying topography of the moon's surface) atop lanky steel bases. The series appears poised to come to life at any moment, which is exactly what Baroud intended; in fact, each *Spoutnik* bulb sports a brass handle, allowing users to rotate the lights as they wish. According to Baroud: "*Spoutnik* had to embody the spatial movement of a planet, constantly revolving around the sun, and thus the object was meant to carry the feeling of perpetual movement."

He goes on, "I developed this collection with the objective that people will interact daily with this object. Apart from the story conveyed, and the semantic value of this lamp, the idea was that it allows for infinite possibilities through a very simple, yet haptic and mechanical interface. I wish for it to evoke growing affection, as it should not be a lighting fixture that we turn on by pushing a button, or an object that is just hung on a wall: it should affect and embody our mood. One should be able to project his feelings through this simple device."



Marc Baroud's Sputnik lighting family; photo by Tanja Traboulsi.



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Spoutnik 1:1, 1:2, and 1:3 were originally commissioned by Beirut's Art Factum Gallery; they're available now in our Shop.

Many thanks to Marc Baroud for his time and wonderfully playful designs!

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