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River Stones, Caught in a Bowl And Nestled in Resin

Riccardo Marzi, an Italian artist, specializes in suspending natural materials — sheaves of wheat, dried fruit, starfish — in resin, much the way ancient objects were sometimes sealed in amber. His newest piece, the River Stones Bowl, above, is made of hand-selected stones that are put into a mold and covered in clear acrylic resin. Once the resin has hardened, the bowl is polished. Although it is safe for serving food, Mr. Marzi recommends that it be used primarily as a decorative piece, because the resin can scratch. It should also be washed by hand, he said, and cannot be put in a microwave. The bowl, which is 14 inches in diameter, is \$155 at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street; momastore.org or (800) 447-6662 to order.

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