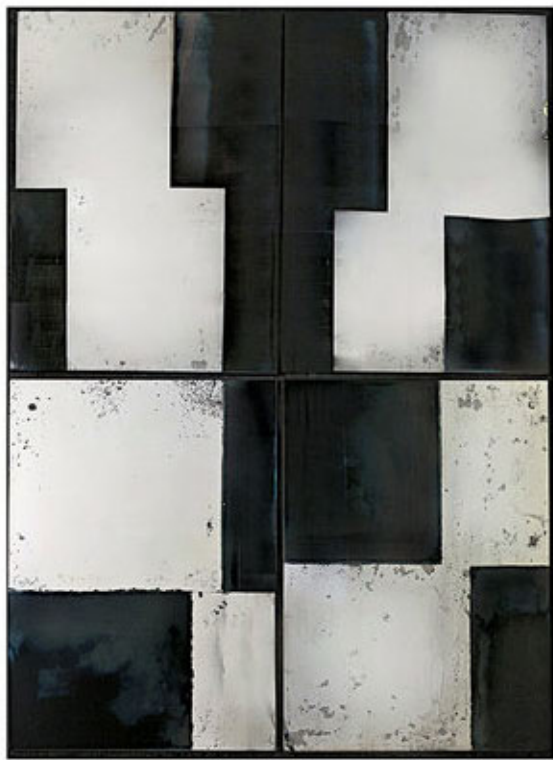


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Kiko Lopez's Gift for Glass

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Left: Kiko Lopez pouring silver onto glass in his studio in Provence. Right: "Titan's Forge," a set of four mirrors by the artist. From left: Robert Levin for Maison Gerard; Courtesy of the artist

Kiko Lopez makes mirrors that combine an 18th-century technique with a renegade spirit. Using the painstaking process of *verre églomisé*, he covers engraved glass with gold and silver leaf, a skill he mastered in the South of France while apprenticing for several retired artisans after, he says, "they realized I was serious and wasn't just going to make reproductions." Although he's committed to respecting tradition, the Puerto Rican-born artist makes pieces that feel completely modern, sometimes tweaking the patina with an accidental coffee spill or cigarette ash. Decorators such as Alberto Pinto, Chahan Minassian and Caroline Sarkozy have commissioned his work, which includes lustrous large-scale mirrors and Jean-Michel Frank-inspired glass fireplaces, and which is now available in America through the New York design shop **Maison Gerard**.

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