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Long before the Spanish arrived in Mexico, Indigenous people created artworks as ingenious as they were visually appealing. Continuing that tradition today are master woodcarvers Florencia Espinal Ramírez and Vicente Castillo, a veritable creative dream team. Together, they make a range of extraordinary lacquered boxes designed to hold any number of treasures. “Our community is difficult to access, and it’s small,” says Florencia. “And yet, the name of Olinalá is known nationally and internationally; it is the Mexican capital of lacquer.” The dazzling lacquer coating on each one-of-a-kind box adds a spectacular luster; though these boxes are suitable for holding treasures, in truth each one is a treasure unto itself.