



Paper Shadows is a meditation on light and shade, texture, and lustre. A collection inspired by the artistry and design principles of traditional Japanese aesthetics, where the desire for visual beauty and touch is appreciated in gentle light.

In Praise of Shadows, an essay by Jun'ichirō Tanizaki led the design studio to seek beauty in the patterns of shadows, organic elements drawn from nature, and the artistry of Japanese craft. From the interplay of shade and light on lacquerware to the exquisite textures of handmade Washi paper, this eloquent new collection embraces warmth, simplicity, and sophistication.

Twelve sensory textile designs are expertly woven from fibres grown by farmers and spun by artisans with a passion for their craft. Different weights, textures, transparencies, and tones celebrate the allure of quiet luxury and means you can dress a whole room from upholstery to sheers, curtains to soft furnishings. A muted colour palette of gravelly neutrals, earth browns, water blues, and tea greens creates a feeling of calm and repose in any interior, contemporary or classic.



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Thistle NAR1



NARA

Artisanal alpaca and wool yarns are woven into the face of this unbleached and undyed stonewashed linen fabric to create a distinctive curvaceous structure.







Drift MGR2



Canopy MGR4

Fine linen yarns are combined with chunky wool to create a heavily textured cloth with beautiful movement and an organic pattern reminiscent of mangrove roots in this durable and gutsy upholstery fabric.



Heron MGR1



Hazel MGR3

### MANGROVE



Chalk SAS1

Twine

S A S 3





Thimble SAS4



Calico SAS2



Bobbin SAS5 Needle

SAS6

# SASHIKO

Reminiscent of a traditional Japanese embroidery method this pocket cloth jacquard weave has a textured surface resembling quilting that is created through a special finishing process. This versatile reversable linen cloth it is suitable for curtaining and light upholstery.





Tightly woven linen and wool bouclé are creatively combined in this artisanal undyed and unbleached fabric that has a unique three-dimensional structure. This robust textural design has a full-bodied drape and is suitable for heavy upholstery.



Dusky Haze

### KYOTO



Porcelain GEI1



GEI2



Sepia GEI3

## GEISHA

Inspired by an antique silk Moiré this opulent jacquard woven fabric showcases the contrast between matt and shine. It has a beautiful drape and muted feminine colour palette and can also be used for light upholstery.







TAT2

Теа татз



Black Pepper

Combining linen and wool yarns this soft upholstery cloth is the perfect balance of texture, comfort, and durability. Its irregular weave structure creates a sense of antiquity with the appearance of a long-cherished textile.



Rice



Pickle

## TATAMI

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Midnight BUR2



Lantern BUR3



Shadow B U R 4

### BURNISHED LINEN

Inspired by subtle reflections on antique Japanese lacquerware, this diaphanous linen sheer with a soft glazed finish is delicately woven to create a lightweight ethereal cloth that drapes and catches the light beautifully.







Wisp AUR1



Fog aur 3

This double width sheer is exquisitely crafted using an ultra-fine linen warp interwoven with wool yarns that meander across the surface to create a fabric reminiscent of delicate root structures. Specialist finishing gives this fabric natural irregularities and character that create delicate shadows as light passes through.



Parchment

# AURA



# ISLAND FELT

This fresh take on a classic bouclé has a softly felted finish to create a cloth that exudes comfort and warmth. The tranquil palette is inspired by the land and sea in this extremely durable upholstery fabric.







Soba kani



Denim KAN4

The textural, all-over pattern of Kanoko is evocative of the dappled spots on a fawn's coat. Inspired by the ancient Japanese dyeing technique of Kanoko Shibori, this jacquard woven pocket cloth is reversable showing its colours in negative on the reverse.



Celadon KAN2 Bamboo KAN3

### KANOKO



Rice Paper







Blossom



Sesame LOT2 Frost LOT3



Root LOT6

# LOTUS

Balancing the raw with the refined this lightweight fluid linen has a soft sateen structure with a subtle irregular beauty created by using the finest natural fibres. With a fluid drape and beautiful weight Lotus is perfect for understated elegant curtains.





Cedar THI2



Birch

Wool and linen combine to create an irregular, chunky horizontal texture in this heavyweight upholstery cloth that is durable yet soft to the touch. Earthy shades are inspired by the natural patina of different wood species.



Sap THI1



Walnut THI3

### THICKET





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