

WOO JIN JOO*Textiles Happening. Royal College of Art*

Woo Jin Joo (Seoul, Korea) lives and works in London.

Woo Jin's practice is heavily inspired by her East Asian heritage. Exploring the ideas of personal myth-making and storytelling, Woo Jin draws traces of stories from East Asian mythology, folk culture, and shamanism to understand and rebuild the world around her through physical materials. Her world is full of non-human beings, demigods, and mythological creatures, and she imagines a world of multi-species collaboration and entanglement. Often working with found and old objects to subvert them in her evolving mythical world, domestic objects, materials, and patterns offer a familiar and endearing entry point to the artist's imagination.

Working with freehand machine embroidery drawn from her imagination, all her pieces are unique and special. Woo Jin's practice is unbounded by the traditional sense of embroidery as she moves freely between the discipline, from sculptural forms to tapestry, challenging the boundaries of the medium.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Untitled Art Fair, Miami. A.I gallery*
Lore. Sunny Bank Mills Gallery
Play. Ruup & Form
Making as Learning. Salts Mill Gallery
Thread Count. Art Station
Personal Treasure. Nunnery Gallery
Photo London. Somerset House
A Textile Assembly. Staffordshire St Gallery
The New Store Pop Up 2 by Het Nieuwe Instituut. Salone del Mobile, Milan
Tailored. The Hub, Sleaford
- 2023 *Peckham Craft Show. AMP Gallery*
Designed for Life. London College of Fashion, Stratford
Bring Your Light. Nunnery Gallery
11:11. Staffordshire St Gallery
Geen Woorden Maar Draden. Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam
Tailored. Sunny Bank Mills Gallery
East London Art Prize Shortlist Exhibition. Nunnery Gallery
- 2022 *Creature Comforts. JGM Gallery*
Dutch Design Week. New Order of Fashion
Hari Art Prize Shortlist Exhibition. Hari Hotel
ME2U. Nunnery Gallery
Soft Dialogue. The Department Store, Brixton
- 2021 *Dutch Design Week. New Order of Fashion*

AWARDS & FUNDINGS

- 2023 Cockpit Bagri Award
A-N Artist Bursary
- 2022 Art Partner Create Cop 27 3rd Place
East London Art Prize Shortlist
DYCP Arts Council Funding Round 14
Hari Art Prize Shortlist
Elephant Trust Award Winner
- 2021 Janome Fine Art Textiles Award Winner
Bradford Textiles Design Competition Mixed Media Textiles 3rd Place
Textiles Society Bursary. Finalist, Highly Commended

RESIDENCY

- 2023 *Hari Art Prize* Finalist Residency
- 2022 *New Order of Fashion* Man x Machine Embroidery Residency
Space Studio Online Collaborative Residency
- 2019 *Kyoto Design Lab* Textiles Residency

PUBLICATION

- 2024 *Elle Decoration NL* Holiday Issue
- 2022 *Embroidery Magazine* Issue 78
Art Maze Mag Issue 27
Crafts Magazine Issue 293
Handwerken Zonder Grenzen Issue 229

WORKSHOP & TEACHING

- 2024 *Imperial College Great Exhibition Road Festival* Workshop Facilitator
- 2023 *V&A Shape of Us Festival* Workshop Facilitator
Bow Arts Artist Educator.
Barrowfull Festival of Colours Workshop Facilitator
- 2022 *Craft Council Freelance* Workshop Facilitator
Craftspace In:Site Festival Workshop Facilitator