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BONDEN - QUIET LUXURY OF THE NORTH

Contemporary crafted home textiles made of purest Nordic natural materials

In the Northern part of the world we have a heritage of nomadic lifestyle where versatility, natural aesthetics and practicality were essential properties that made living possible in harsh conditions. Having limited resources, it was vital to make everything respecting nature. We want to bring the same properties to Bonden products, creating harmony of living, easiness and a lasting style that combines easily with different interiors, no matter whether modern or traditional.

BONDEN cushions, blankets and baskets are made of purest Nordic natural materials such as 100% Finnish lamb wool, linen and 100% wool felt in co-operation with local artisans. Anyhow, we renew the local craft traditions by using these materials in a new and inventive way.

Bonden textiles create an environment that is good to live with. With sustainable design, tactile texture of the fabrics and non-toxic materials, our home accessories reconnect our senses with nature and bring the nature back home. That is the essence of the Quiet luxury of the North.

BONDEN LIVING NORDIC NATURALS COLLECTION

Combination of soft Finnish lamb wool and natural dyed shades inspired by Nordic wild plant colours

The Nordic Naturals home textile collection shows our holistic approach towards the materials. When using 100% combed Finnish lamb wool as the base material, our production can be traced all the way from the farmhouse to the finished product. Finnish lamb wool is also an example of using resources wisely: normally approximately 80% of Finnish lamb wool is thrown away as waste - despite it being an ecological, natural and non-toxic material with good properties.



Finnish lamb wool is used almost year-round in the variable climate conditions of the North. Due to its delicate fibre, spinning it to fine count yarns and weaving light fabrics out of it has been difficult. By combining the knowledge of local spinners, weavers and designers we turned this traditional material into fine and versatile, combed wool.

Finnish lamb wool has a lovely natural colour scale from white to greyish black/brown to be used undyed. In addition to that, it creates a deep and beautiful base for natural dyeing. Bonden Betula and Pinus colour themes are inspired by Nordic wild plants, birch (latin betula) and pine (latin pinus). The natural colours we use for dyeing are non-toxic and GOTS-certificated (Global Organic Textile Standard).

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The name Bonden comes from the Finnish legend of Bonden Paavo (Farmer Paavo of Saarijärvi), a determined peasant farmer who survived the years of bad harvest by doubling the leftover flour with pinewood bark every year for three years to make the flour last longer and to stave off starvation. In Bonden Living products natural materials are used in new and creative ways - as did Bonden Paavo - in the spirit of Nordic design.