



Tile collection New home textile collection by John Pawson in exclusivity for Teixidors @photo by Miquel Llonch





"The vision underlying the founding of Teixidors and its continuing narrative is genuinely uplifting. The energy, enthusiasm and commitment of the approach and the individuals immediately draws one in." John Pawson.

Photography by Gilbert McCarragher

John Pawson designs the Tile collection in exclusivity for Teixidors

Teixidors presents a new collection of handwoven throws and cushions in collaboration with John Pawson and inspired by architectural patterns at Maison & Objet, Paris - January 17-21, 2020. Hall 5A, Stand Q68/R67.

John Pawson's exclusive design 'Tile' for Teixidors consists of three throws and complementary cushions, with a design inspired by architectural patterns: playing with the repeating form of a rectangular tile to generate a mosaic, expressed in three intensities of colour.

'Tile' perfectly characterizes the attraction of the British architect to constructive patterns, to simplicity and to textures that occur in nature.

The complete collection is hand-woven in a balanced composition of ecological Merino wool from Provence, France and ecological baby yak wool, obtained by combing young animals herded by a cooperative of nomadic cattlemen in Mongolia.

John Pawson has developed a delicate palette of natural colours in three tones of warm grey, reminiscent of shades of marble, stone and slate, to fit any environment. In the words of the architect himself, the collaboration with Teixidors has focused on creating something different, free of time pressure and commercial imperatives, 'with scope for the ideas to develop naturally into product'. Its objective has been to develop a family of home textiles, each based on a different structure, echoing those found in architecture.

'I am always searching for simplicity. My work is about paring down reducing a design to what is essential and appropriate'. To this idea is added Pawson's attraction to rhythm, repetition and the inherent sensory qualities of natural materials.

Nature continues to be an inexhaustible source of inspiration for John Pawson. 'My photographic archive - which I think of as a sort of sketchbook and use constantly as a design tool - is filled with shots of natural forms. I am particularly drawn to the patterns and textures that occur in nature - the grain of a length of timber or the tiny fossils in a piece of limestone'.

For Pawson, his collaboration with Teixidors has provided a new opportunity to work with manual processes, 'where small variations form a natural aspect of the character of what is made' and testimony to his conviction of the bond between sustainability and good design. 'Sustainability', he stresses, ' is no longer something you begin to consider part way through the creative process, it has to be embedded in the heart of the design thinking'.

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THROWS

Handwoven by Teixidors in Terrassa (Barcelona. Spain)

Model 1: Marble 90% Ecological Merino Wool from France 10% Sustainable hand combed baby yak wool 140 cm x 180 cm (55" x 71")

Model 2: Stone 50% Ecological Merino Wool from France 50% Sustainable hand combed baby yak wool 140 cm x 180 cm (55" x 71")

Model 3: Slate 60% Ecological Merino Wool from France 40% Sustainable hand combed baby yak wool 140 cm x 180 cm (55" x 71")



CUSHIONS

Handwoven by Teixidors in Terrassa (Barcelona. Spain)

Model 1: Marble 90% Ecological Merino Wool from France 10% Sustainable hand combed baby yak wool 50 x 50 cm (20 x 20") and 50 x 30 cm (20 x 12")

Model 2: Stone 50% Ecological Merino Wool from France 50% Sustainable hand combed baby yak wool 50 x 50 cm (20 x 20") and 50 x 30 cm (20 x 12")

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With the Tile collection, Teixidors demonstrates its ability and quality of work to join forces with an internationally renowned design personality such as John Pawson. In this new collection, the British architect has proposed a new way of expressing the simplicity and emotional charge that accompanies each and every one of Teixidors' products.

Tile is a new opportunity for the master craftsmen at Teixidors to test their skills and demonstrate their capacity to produce pieces with a contemporary design and exquisite finish.

JOHN PAWSON

John Pawson CBE has spent over thirty years making rigorously simple architecture that speaks of the fundamentals but is also modest in character. His body of work spans a broad range of scales and typologies, from private houses, sacred commissions, galleries, museums, hotels, ballet sets, yacht interiors and a bridge across a lake.

As Alvar Aalto's bronze door handle has been characterised as the 'handshake of a building', so a sense of engaging with the essence of a philosophy of space through everything the eye sees or the hand touches is a defining aspect of Pawson's work. His method is to approach buildings and design commissions in precisely the same manner, on the basis that 'it's all architecture'.

Whether at the scale of a monastery, a house, a saucepan or a ballet, everything is traceable back to a consistent set of preoccupations with mass, volume, surface, proportion, junction, geometry, repetition, light and ritual. In this way, even something as modest as a fork can become a vehicle for much broader ideas about how we live and what we value.

TEIXIDORS

<u>Teixidors</u> is a Barcelona based textile brand with a social vocation aimed at achieving social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. This objective has laid the foundation for over 30 years of award-winning design, created on manual looms in our own workshop in Terrassa (Barcelona).

Teixidors source the highest quality raw materials, like cashmere and Yak wool from a cooperative in Mongolia, and ecological Merino wool from a small farm in Provence. Today Teixidors' exquisite plaids, bedspreads, pillows, and scarves can be found in some of the most prestigious stores in the world.

Teixidors is part of the non-profit, Fundació Privada President Amat Roumens also based in Terrassa (Barcelona), Spain.

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