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IKUNTJI STYLE, the design-led journey from a remote Central Australian desert community to a global brand.

Situated in the community of Ikuntji/Haasts Bluff, and founded in 1992, Ikuntji Artists was the first art centre established by First Nations women in the Western Desert Art Movement and the first arts centre from Central Australia to release its own textile collection.

Highly sought-after by high-end retailers, galleries, catwalks, and red carpets around the world, Ikuntji Artists has become a style leader and signature brand.

The journey has been beautifully documented. Videos and photographs show the evolution of the designs and the personal empowerment of the artists. Every design conveys meaning, preserving and bringing the stories of these First Nations people from the either Western Desert or Central Australia to the world.

Featuring fashion, homewares, furnishing and work by the artists of Ikuntji Artists and exquisite photographic portraiture by Tobias Titz.

IKUNTJI STYLE presents the range of fashion, furnishing, homewares and accessories, the traditional stories they embody and the artists who share them.



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KEY STORIES

IKUNTJI STYLE | Rare Portraits & Etchings

The exhibition features unique portraits of Ikuntji Artists, captured by acclaimed photographer Tobias Titz. To provide a deeper look into the culture, these portraits also feature rarely seen etchings on Polaroid 665 film, which capture the artists' stories of self and country. This stunning exhibition showcases the humble beginnings of Ikuntji design, now celebrated in fashion, homewares, and furniture design globally.

IKUNTJI STYLE | Bespoke Furniture

The exhibition features a limited edition CJ Anderson x Ikuntji x artisan collaboration, offering a one-of-a-kind chair and bench set. This exclusive design is only available at the IKUNTJI STYLE exhibition.

IKUNTJI STYLE | Customisable Fashion

Make this exhibition your own by ordering a custom design with couturiers Alice Sutton of Edition Label and Olga from Ossom. Throughout the exhibition season, appointments can be made with Ossom. We invite you to create a look that is truly unique to you.



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Header: Fabric design by Keturah Zimran, Puli Puli Rock Story, Image courtesy of Ikuntji Artists.

1. Ikuntji fashion, Ikuntji Style exhibition installation, 2023, artisan main gallery, Photography by Louis Lim.

2. Window display, Ikuntji homewares, Ikuntji Style exhibition installation, 2023, artisan main gallery, Photography by Louis Lim.

3. Limited Edition Print Box Set, 2023, Photography: Tobias Titz, Print Model: Leonie Kamutu, with Papa Tjukurrpa story etching.

5. Chairs and bench, Ikuntji Style exhibition installation view, 2023, Maker: CJ Anderson, Fabric: Mitjili Napurrula, Watiya Tjuta fabric, Image courtesy of artisan.

6. Ikuntji Style customisable fashion with Olga from Ossom, 2023, Photography by Louis Lim.

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ABOUT ARTISAN

artisan is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting contemporary craft and design practice for both makers and their audiences. Since 1970 artisan has been the home of craft and design in Queensland.

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