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Sculptural Shibori

The ancient Japanese art of shibori is a resist dyeing technique commonly used to decorate silk or cotton found on Obi's and Kimonos. The process to make these patterns involves manipulating cloth from 2D to 3D by pleating, folding or clamping whereby the bound sections create resistance from the dye resulting in a variety of desired patterns.

Bound shibori fabric is beautiful, if not more beautiful than the flat two dimensional fabric. By heat setting the bound piece the fabric maintains its sculptural form resulting in an effect that is textural, tactile and literally pops creating a visually stunning effect for artworks, large scale sculptures and lighting.

Modern interpretations of heat set shibori are performed using synthetic fabrics that have thermo plastic qualities that are permanently heated and fused into place. The Shibori team have experimented with various resins to add the permanency to silk and other heat set base cloths that are complimentary to shibori techniques.

Manufacture

Shibori produces all heat set sculptural silks, synthetics and resin coated fabrics in house by hand from their Sydney workshop. The process involves hand binding, dyeing, heating drying and coating with resin to maintain the bound form. The result is sculpted fabric with varying degrees of movement depending on the final application.

Shibori's sculptural pieces are made for a lifetime rather than as a mass-produced item, however environmental concerns are still a major consideration in all production and manufacture.

Commercial application

Shibori heat set is made to order and custom-designed for every project producing each commercial client with a unique artwork guaranteed to provide a visual centerpiece within any setting.

The most recent commercial project was a restaurant fit-out designed by Paul Kelly Designs and constructed by Di Emme Sydney for Nu Bamboo restaurant featuring ex-Longrain chef Freddie Salim. The brief for Shibori was to create a fabric structure based on sea life in exotic Chinese red tones traditionally associated with good fortune. Shibori succeeded in crafting a unique installation that was extremely well received by the client and as a result has opened the doors to many future creative shibori sculptural ventures.

Shibori work with engineers and metal workers to build the best solution for your project. Contact 02 95600997 or info@shibori.com.au for more information.

