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## Kufri

**M**ili Suleman’s creativity is multifaceted. Born in India, raised in Oman and based in Texas for the past seventeen years, her talents span photography, interior styling, branding, packaging and website design. Three years ago she launched Kufri—a textile line which started out as a way to stay connected with her mother in the Middle East, but which has grown into an amalgamation of her ‘other loves in the creative world’.

Inspiration stems from what she desires in her own Dallas home—the renovations and styling of which are documented in her blog. ‘My graphic design work generally has a clean-lined aesthetic and I feel that’s evident in my textile work too,’

she says. ‘My styling work leans towards vintage-modern mixed with lots of natural texture and art. I ask myself often: will my textiles add to creating a certain atmosphere or aura in a home and how?’

She values personal interaction, travelling with her mum—‘a fierce negotiator’—to meet weavers in India. ‘I talk to the younger generation to understand what their perspective is on joining the family weaving heritage. These kinds of conversations can only happen on the ground level. Ultimately, my vision is to start my own weaving unit and training school.’ Suleman already lectures on Indian textiles and the creative industries at US universities. *RM*  
[www.kufri.life](http://www.kufri.life)

01 Chair back in Tribal fabric, cushions in Hex, Takamaka and Ira fabrics