Argali Hella Jongerius





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Hand woven 98% new wool, 2% silk 6mm high 2100 gr/m 2 6 colours 180 cm \times 240 cm, 200 cm \times 300 cm, 300 cm \times 400 cm

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In a palette of six colours typical of Nepalese yarns, this high-quality kilim rug has been hand woven from special Tibetan wool from Argali – a wild sheep breed that resides in the Himalayan mountains.

The yarns themselves have been handspun by local weavers, and their naturally faded colours and irregular character lend each rug a truly individual appeal.

Each rug incorporates several design details, including a hand-embroidered area with silk yarn – a reference to an old tradition of repairing the rugs. The fringes are braided, a practice that also refers to an old custom in Nepal – this for its decorative appeal.

'This is a contemporary take on the kelim rug,' says Hella Jongerius of her inspiration. 'It retains the high quality of traditional construction and includes crispy, fresh details.'

Colourful silk yarns lend the rug a light and modern character.

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Hella Jongerius is one of the world's foremost product designers. She is a prominent force in the Netherlands, her native country, as well as on the international stage where she wins regular accolades for her thoughtful and research-driven work. Since her early work for Dutch design collective Droog, and now at her Berlin-based studio Jongeriuslab, material and process research largely determines her design direction. Her work has been characterised by a unique ability to approach industry with a craft perspective. In 2013 Hella Jongerius was appointed Design Director for Danskina, she has brought that same craft sensibility, research and experimentation to the textile industry.

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