



Mirror
in the
Sky



Our Philosophy

Born from a love of the Himalaya and the finest cashmere fibres, **Mirror in the Sky**, perfectly blends traditional craftsmanship and contemporary design.

The people of the high Himalaya say the 'mirror in the sky' lets us see where we are, or where we belong in life. The 'sky-mirror' reflects our image showing our location as well as our values and ideas. Seeing our reflection, we begin to realise how we can enhance the life of others.

For us, it is an expression of sharing and enhancing the best of both of our amazing worlds in Barcelona and Kathmandu.



The Finest Yarns

Amazing quality begins with sourcing the very best cashmere and baby yak fibres, each carefully combed during the spring molting season. The animals are not harmed in any way and we are proud to work with farmers who minimise their environmental impact.

Yaks and hircus goats live in extremely cold environments on the Himalayan and Mongolian Plateaus. To survive the hostile winter weather, they grow a down-like fleece of the softest and finest fibres as thin as 14.5 microns thick, which create a natural thermal blanket next to the goat's skin. We collect the fleece and use it to spin the exquisite cashmere of Mirror in the Sky.



Handcrafted Excellence

The Kathmandu Valley welcomed its first Kashmiri master weavers from India over four hundred years ago. Today, there are few places in the world where hand-weaving skills are so valued that they are passed down through generations.

You can feel the difference, hand-spinning and hand-weaving yarns is the most delicate method of expressing the natural elegance and wondrous texture of the finest quality cashmere. The sensitive interaction of hand and yarn enhances each process. Throughout manufacturing, we use Himalayan spring water, its softness and minerals add to the natural suppleness of the yarn.





Unique Character

Just as in nature, slight variations occur from one product to the next. Each becomes a unique expression of those who contributed to its production. We truly value the skill and dedication of the weavers in Nepal, every one of our products is a celebration of their traditions.

Colour is the language of nature and just like the sky-mirror, it expresses our 'essence' and reflects who we are and what we value in life. Colour brings us together in a variety of moods, it is the bridge between our values and personal expression. Hand-felting and individual finishing enhance all elements resulting in natural perfection.



Cashmere Care

Cashmere is particularly delicate and we recommend you handle your product with the greatest care.

How to hand wash your cashmere:

- 1. Fill your basin with cold water, and add a mild detergent such as Woolite or cashmere shampoo.*
- 2. Let your cashmere soak in the basin for five minutes, before rinsing thoroughly.*
- 3. Gently remove the excess moisture in a dry cotton towel. Do not wring out!*
- 4. Dry out on a flat surface.*
- 5. Iron, if necessary, using the low heat and steam setting from a 1cm distance.*

Pilling is a natural and normal process and occurs when the product surface suffers friction from use. In between washings you can remove any fabric pills with a cashmere comb or bristled garment brush.

Each product comes with a pure cotton storage bag to ensure long-lasting care and performance. Please fold your product and place it in the bag and on a flat surface.



Every Element is Natural

Our packaging, including boxes, bags, swing tags and information booklets are made from 100% natural paper and natural dyes. Even the cord is made by hand and then dip-dyed to match the boxes.

We are proud to work with the Community Trade craftspeople at Get Paper Industry. The factory is everything the perfect workplace should be with picnic areas and airy, open work-spaces. This inspiring group provides regular work and a fair income for over 500 people, mostly women. They also support 7 schools, offer over 150 annual child education scholarships in and around the Kathmandu Valley and plant trees for every kilo of paper they use.



The Kalachakra Mandala

Every Mirror in the Sky product includes a handmade Kalachakra Mandala that symbolises pureness of body, speech, mind, wisdom and great happiness.

Based on the concept of time (*kala*) and cycles (*chakra*) in all things, from planets to the simple act of breathing, the Kalachakra reminds us that in our day to day lives we can use the most subtle energies within ourselves to benefit others. Within the ancient traditions of the Himalaya, its meaning is somewhat similar to the expression, 'What goes around, comes around.' Each mandala has been blessed by a Lama and dedicated to peace and harmony.

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