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Johanna Gullichsen Design Helsinki Festival 2022

Founded in 1989, Johanna Gullichsen textile studio supplies high-quality woven fabrics, homeware products and fashion accessories with graphic patterns and beautiful textures. The design is based on timeless and honest design, natural materials, and domestic production.

During Design Helsinki, we are focusing on upholstery fabrics in the Erottaja store. Upholsterer Sari Rossi from Verhoomo Palttina presents her work on both event days. We are learning about upholsterer skills and techniques while several upholstery examples are shown.

Timeless design is one of the cornerstones of Johanna Gullichsen's collection. Our upholstery fabrics fit in with furniture from different eras, adding an interesting layer to their story. The two-dimensional patterns and the three-dimensional forms always create an exciting dialogue offering endless possibilities.

About the designer

Finnish textile designer Johanna Gullichsen was born in Somero, southern Finland. Before finding an interest in textiles, she studied art history, literature, and languages at the University of Helsinki. She then pursued an education in the skill of weaving at Porvoo Crafts School.

Gullichsen describes her approach to design: "Handweaving with the loom is my inspiration for exploring techniques and patterns. That's how most of my designs are born. Craft is a living design tool for me, always included in the narrative of my textiles. I am especially interested in the construction of fabrics, and I am drawn to technically challenging designs, even though the final product might seem simple. The ready-made products I design are defined by the fabric itself; by its material or pattern."

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