

IWAN MAKTABI

GIFTS OF LEGACY

GENERATION THREE



GUARDIAN PALMS

by SUMAYA SHELBI



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The Guardian Palms marks the inaugural piece in Gifts of Legacy, Iwan Maktabi's new gifting series dedicated to cultural reverence and design excellence.

The Guardian Palms is a sculptural, hand-knotted wall piece by Saudi designer Sumaya Shelbi, an homage to Al-Diriyah and Saudi Arabia's Founding Day. Framed by two palm trees, symbols of resilience and unity since 1727, the composition unfolds in two color variations, sand or white color, evoking the texture and rhythm of Najdi mudbrick architecture through subtle reliefs and abstract geometry.



PRODUCT SHEET
GUARDIAN PALMS

COLOR
Customizable

SIZE
Customizable
200x140cm and larger

PILE HEIGHT
4-20mm

MATERIAL
Wool & Silk

TECHNIQUE
Handknotted

KNOT DENSITY
100knots

LEAD TIME
4-5months



White
200x140cm



Sand
200x140cm



A Saudi artist based in Riyadh, humbly weaves her architectural and design background into her art, aiming to evoke genuine emotions from her audience. Her work, while simple in appearance, seeks to foster connections and stir familiar feelings within viewers. Drawing inspiration from her architectural origins, Shelbi incorporates geometric abstraction into her art, adding subtle depth and precision to her creations. Through this technique, she subtly transforms the human form into dynamic entities that harmonize with their surroundings. In her artistic vision, Shelbi employs three-dimensional composition techniques to infuse her sculptures with vitality, allowing them to interact gracefully with their environment. The interplay of light and shadow further enhances this effect, creating a sense of movement and life within her work.



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