

WOO JIN JOO

Woo Jin Joo (b. 1995, Korea; living in London) is an artist whose work delves into the boundaries of human perception, drawing from mythology, folklore, shamanism, and alternative modes of knowing. Joo explores how sculptural forms—often initiated from found or discarded objects—offer a passage into the subconscious, merging the realms of the internal and imagined with the external world. For Joo, the act of working with found elements reflects the happenstance nature of our encounters with the everyday, where even the most mundane interactions can harbour potential for transformation and creativity. Through her meticulous process of embroidery and craft, she imbues objects with limbs, symbols, shapes, and colors, blending physical forms with the fluidity of internal narratives and memories. The resulting works are imbued with an uncanny potency and infused with humour as well as mystery.

Joo graduated from Royal College of Art in 2021. She has exhibited internationally with ai. gallery at Untitled Miami (2024), play at Ruup & Form (2024), Geen Woorden Maar Draden at Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam (2023) amongst other exhibitions. Joo is a Cockpit Bagri Award holder (2023) and Elephant Trust Award holder (2023). Her work is held in the public collection at the V&A Museum, London.

BIOGRAPHY

1995	Born in South Korea
2019	BA Textiles, Central Saint Martins, London
2021	MA Textiles, Royal College of Art, London
Current	Lives & works in London

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025	<i>New Gen: The Emerging Voices</i> , Korean Cultural Centre, London, UK
	<i>Myths, Dreams and New Realities</i> , Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
	<i>Minor Attractions Art Fair</i> , The Mandrake Hotel, London UK
	<i>Roots, Realms and Reveries</i> , ai. Gallery, London UK
	<i>On a Thread of Wonder</i> , Knit and Stitch Show, London, UK
2024	<i>Untitled Art Fair, Miami. A.I gallery</i>
	<i>Lore</i> . Sunny Bank Mills Gallery
	<i>Play</i> . Ruup & Form
	<i>Making as Learning</i> . Salts Mill Gallery
	<i>Thread Count</i> . Art Station
	<i>Personal Treasure</i> . Nunnery Gallery
	<i>Photo London</i> . Somerset House

A Textile Assembly. Staffordshire St Gallery

The New Store Pop Up 2 by Het Nieuwe Instituut. Salone del Mobile, Milan

Tailored. The Hub, Sleaford

2023 *Peckham Craft Show*. AMP Gallery

Designed for Life. London College of Fashion, Stratford

Bring Your Light. Nunnery Gallery

11:11. Staffordshire St Gallery

Geen Woorden Maar Draden. Wereldmuseum, Rotterdam

Tailored. Sunny Bank Mills Gallery

East London Art Prize Shortlist Exhibition. Nunnery Gallery

2022 *Creature Comforts*. JGM Gallery

Dutch Design Week. New Order of Fashion

Hari Art Prize Shortlist Exhibition. Hari Hotel

ME2U. Nunnery Gallery

Soft Dialogue. The Department Store, Brixton

2021 *Dutch Design Week*. New Order of Fashion

Textiles Happening. Royal College of Art

AWARDS & FUNDINGS

2025	Ingram Prize 2025 Shortlist
2023	Cockpit Bagri Award
	A-N Artist Bursary
2022	Art Partner Create Cop 27 3rd Place
	East London Art Prize Shortlist
	DYCP Arts Council Funding Round 14
	Hari Art Prize Shortlist
	Elephant Trust Award Winner
2021	Janome Fine Art Textiles Award Winner
	Bradford Textiles Design Competition Mixed Media Textiles 3rd Place
	Textiles Society Bursary. Finalist, Highly Commended

RESIDENCIES

2023	<i>Hari Art Prize</i> Finalist Residency
2022	<i>New Order of Fashion</i> Man x Machine Embroidery Residency
	<i>Space Studio</i> Online Collaborative Residency



2019 *Kyoto Design Lab* Textiles Residency

PUBLICATIONS

2024 *Elle Decoration NL Holiday Issue*

2022 *Embroidery Magazine Issue 78*

Art Maze Mag Issue 27

Crafts Magazine Issue 293

Handwerken Zonder Grenzen Issue 229

WORKSHOP & TEACHING

2024 Imperial College Great Exhibition Road
Festival Workshop Facilitator

2023 V&A Shape of Us Festival Workshop
Facilitator

Bow Arts Artist Educator

Barrowfull Festival of Colours Workshop
Facilitator

2022 Craft Council Freelance Workshop Facilitator

Craftspace In:Site Festival Workshop
Facilitator