

Guilt-free, green and incredibly stylish too



wages have been paid to the weavers, and that no illegal child labour has been employed during production. While sustainability and fair trade ethics are valiant and should be fundamental to all business, the beauty, quality and performance of product designs must be of primary importance.

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Created from the oeuvre of prolific Modernist artist Pip Benveniste, some rugs depict her abstracted landscape paintings, while others illustrate a more graphic aesthetic. Benveniste's vast and dedicated contribution to art across several mediums has been underrepresented by patriarchal art historians, but is now being served a level of justice both by archivists and through Land Rugs. This rich artistic heritage mixed with the exquisite craftsmanship of the Nepalese weavers imbues these unique rugs with a kind of truth and authenticity entirely absent from mixed with the the mass-produced offerings at giants like Ikea. Pictured here are 'Bridge' and the more linear 'Rainbow Chain', both equally justified in being hung on walls as works of art, as placed more

As an interior designer I am often contacted by would be suppliers, keen for me to consider placing their products in my schemes. Every once in a while something truly special catches my eye, and one stunning example I would like to share is local company Land Rugs. Being based a mere hop away in Redland, Land Rugs chimes well with the fervent shop-local culture of Bishopston. But although these masterpieces are hand-knotted on the other side of the world in Nepal, they are ethically manufactured. Certification by the anti child labour NGO Good Weave ensures and proves fair adult



The wonderful thing about Land Rugs is that not only are they right on, guilt-free goods, they transcend any notion of hippiness by being luxurious and extremely stylish, drawing upon a very interesting and particular

conventionally underfoot. For more information please visit www.landrugs.com and www.goodweave.org.uk.

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