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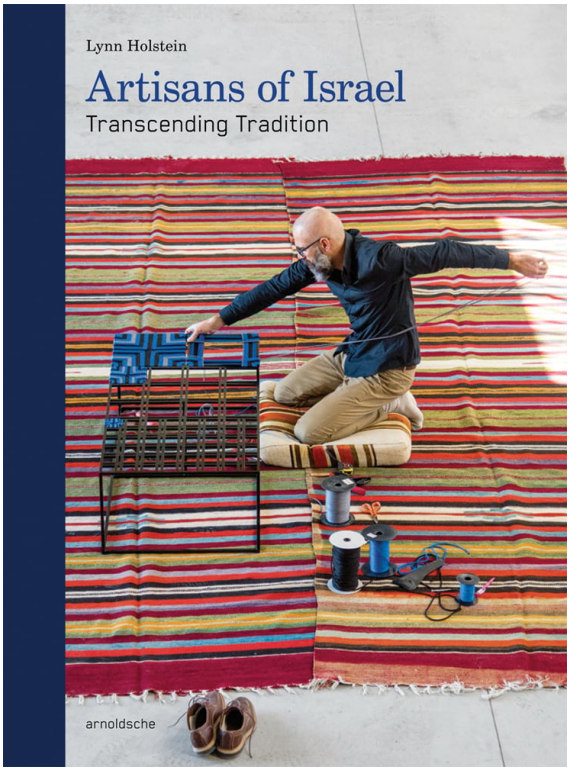

Artisans of Israel

Transcending Tradition

Lynn Holstein

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- A unique compilation bringing together the fields of metalwork and jewelry, ceramics, textiles, paper and wood
- Accompanies an exhibition at The Open Museum in Israel beginning in January 2018
- Text in English, Hebrew and Arabic

Artisans of Israel is a very special book on crafts. Author Lynn Holstein is in search of a national identity in the artisanry of the still young country – and she finds it in the unifying pursuit for innovation. Forty artists, including Jews, Muslims and Christians, tell their stories and show in five different trades how emancipation can be promoted through creativity. Working with one's hands stands unfailingly at the centre of this reflection. From the hybrid of cultural and religious backgrounds emerges a unique compilation that brings together the fields of metalwork and jewellery, ceramics, textiles, paper and wood. This compilation portrays a sensitive and inspiring portrait of Israel and its inhabitants. This book accompanies an exhibition at The Open Museum, Tefen (IL), in January 2018.

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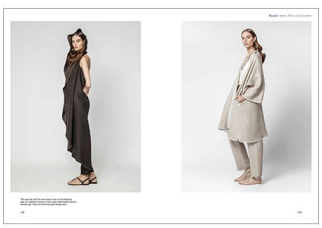



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