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*Vanessa Arbuthnott - Honeycomb Blanket Press Release*

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The **HONEYCOMB BLANKET** is Vanessa's first foray into woven blankets, staying close to her ethos of working with artisans close to home, they are woven in Britain.

This blanket is a design partnership between Rebecca Connolly, a woven textile artist and Vanessa. It is also a remarkable collaboration between Wales, Scotland and England. This warm blanket is ideal for curling up on sofas in sitting rooms, or for adding an extra layer on any bed.

### **SHETLAND WOOL**

Honeycomb is a traditional Welsh textile and in this instance is woven using beautiful wool from Shetland sheep. The yarn is processed, spun and dyed on Shetland too.

This breed is Britain's most northerly native sheep providing wool for the Shetland textile industry, whilst simultaneously supporting the rural farming community on these islands. Shetland wool is a world class natural fibre, with a long standing reputation for quality, strength and excellence.

### **BRISTOL WEAVING MILL**

The next part of this wool's journey takes it to The Bristol Weaving Mill - where it is woven into blankets. The Mill is tucked away behind Brunel's famous railway station in the heart of Bristol, the unmistakable heartbeat of salvaged textile machinery reverberates from within an old redbrick building.

This special wool has a lovely heavy weight and the blanket is woven from two shades of grey/blue wool, very close to our Pigeon colour and includes an edge detail of a stripe of stronger colour in either, Charcoal Grey, Powder Blue or Saffron Yellow.

### **TEXTURE**

Honeycomb refers to the three dimensional structure, with lovely deep pockets to trap air making this a superbly warm blanket. Rebecca still has a her Grandmother's honeycomb blanket and remembers sitting on her Granny's bed putting her Lego into the little pockets!

Vanessa explains her inspiration when commissioning these beautiful blankets:

*'I am fascinated by the structure of these blankets, how they are woven flat but spring into 3D once removed from the loom. When designing a room, the use of texture and pattern adds the comfort factor and heightens our experience of the space.'*

All blankets come in one size: approximately 135cm width x 190cm length. They are priced at £160 each.

The Honeycomb Blankets can be viewed at Vanessa's Cirencester Shop or online at [www.vanessaarbutnott.co.uk](http://www.vanessaarbutnott.co.uk) If you would like any of these images in a high resolution format please let us know. We also have all three blankets in stock and are of course, very happy to lend them out for photography.

Thank you,

Vanessa







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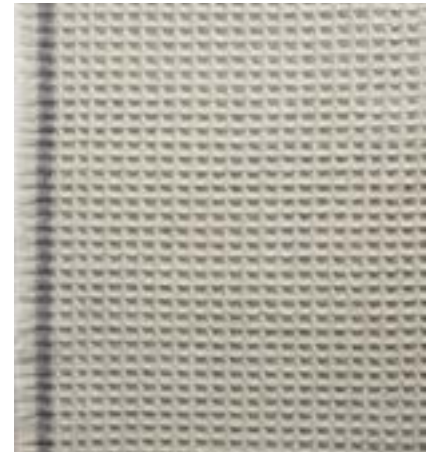
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