



the art  
of HANDWOVEN SHADES

HARTMANN & FORBES



For centuries, artisans working with simple looms and skilled hands have transformed natural fibers into textiles of enduring beauty. Passed carefully from one generation to the next, this tradition remains the foundation of the Hartmann&Forbes handwoven natural shade collection.

The hallmark is the loom-finished edge. In this technique: weft fibers are returned to create the distinctive border that defines our craft and produces a continuous, seamless weave. The result is a one-of-one commissioned shade, handwoven to the size of its intended window.

Guided by a deep reverence for the natural world, our designers continue to explore this tradition, drawing inspiration from landscapes, fibers and the quiet poetry of nature.



#### SEASONAL HARVEST

Every exceptional shade begins long before the loom, in fields and hillsides where nature yields its finest fibers. Harvested at peak season and selected by hand, each fiber is valued for its strength, color and natural tone. These qualities lend depth and richness to every weave and reflect the beauty of the material itself.

#### PREPARING THE FIBER

In partnership with artisan communities near our weaving studios, raw fibers are prepared through generations of inherited knowledge. Each strand is dyed, sun-bleached, hand-tied and readied for the loom by skilled artisans devoted to their craft. This stage establishes the balance, tone, and integrity of the finished textile.

#### WEAVING THE TEXTILE

Traditional looms remain at the heart of the process. Master weavers guide each fiber with practiced precision, working together in careful rhythm to create textiles of exceptional scale and continuity. Their mastery allows for seamlessly woven widths of up to fifteen feet while preserving the character and authenticity of true handcraft.

#### FINISHING THE SHADE

Each handwoven shade is completed by craftsmen in the Pacific Northwest, where every shade is built to the custom dimensions of its window. Finished with time-tested components and assembled by hand, each shade carries the Hartmann&Forbes label as a mark of its origin and craftsmanship.



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