SARAH MYERSCOUGH GALLERY
ARKO | AVAILABLE WORK

Arko lives and works in Japan. She has exhibited at international art fairs including Masterpiece, Design Miami, PAD London and FOG San Francisco. She has also exhibited extensively in international group shows such as Changing Attitude, Japan, 2019; Loewe Baskets during Milan Design Week, Italy, 2019; Object Come from the Earth, Japan, 2018; and Say No to Limits, China, 2007. In 2018, she was shortlisted for the Loewe Craft Prize and exhibited at the Design Museum, UK.
Arko's sculptures use rice straw, a by-product of the rice plant. The material previously played a significant role in everyday Japanese life and was used to make items such as shoes, coats, blankets, and food wrappers. Now its main use is for the production of traditional straw festoons, which are holy ornaments for Shinto New Year ceremonies. It has almost faded out from modern life, despite large volumes of rice crops still being produced for food consumption. Arko's practice aims to reinvigorate the material by creating something new with it, to highlight it again within contemporary society and inspire feelings of respect for the natural world that provides us with sustenance.

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The Hole of Burning Sand, 2026
Straw and thread
110 H x 110 W x 9 D cm
43.3 H x 43.3 W x 3.5 D in

(A045)

View detail

Arko
Quiet Vitality, 2025
Straw and thread
205 H x 150 W x 12 D cm
80.7 H x 59.1 W x 4.7 D in

(A041)

View detail

Arko
Serendipity on the Hill, 2024
Straw and thread on canvas
145 H x 145 W x 8 D cm
57 H x 57 W x 3 D in

(A033)

View detail

Arko
Composition Accelerando, 2025
Rice straw
192 H x 70 W x 10 D cm
75.6 H x 27.6 W x 3.9 D in

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Arko
Breath of Layers, 2025
Rice straw
91 H x 68 W x 8 D cm
35.8 H x 26.7 W x 3.1 D in

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Composition Trio, 2024
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60 H x 60 W x 8 D cm
23.6 H x 23.6 W x 3.1 D in

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79 H x 65 W x 20 D cm
31.1 H x 25.6 W x 3.9 D in

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