

The study of textiles and culture has become one of the most dynamic fields of scholarship, reflecting new global, material and technological possibilities. This is the first handbook of specially commissioned essays to provide a guide to the major strands of critical work around textiles past and present and to draw upon the work of artists and designers as well as leading international scholars in textiles studies.

The Handbook offers an authoritative and wide-ranging guide to the topics, issues, and questions that are central to the study of textiles today: it examines how material practices reflect cross-cultural influences; it explores textiles' relationships to history, memory, place, and social and technological change; and considers their influence on fashion and design, sustainable production, craft, architecture, curation and contemporary textile art practice. Each section includes a diverse mix of case studies and the book concludes with a series of interviews with textile artists, designers, curators and scholars including Annet Couwenberg, Diana Guerrero-Macia, Valerie Kirk, Kay Lawrence, Judith Leeman, Sara Lindsay, Joan Livingstone, Rowland Ricketts, Jenni Sorkin, Lisa Vinebaum, Fo Wilson and Anne Wilson.

Offering a state-of-the-art overview of the field of textile studies, the Handbook is an invaluable resource for students and scholars of textiles and related subjects such as dress, costume and fashion, feminism and gender, art and design, and cultural history.

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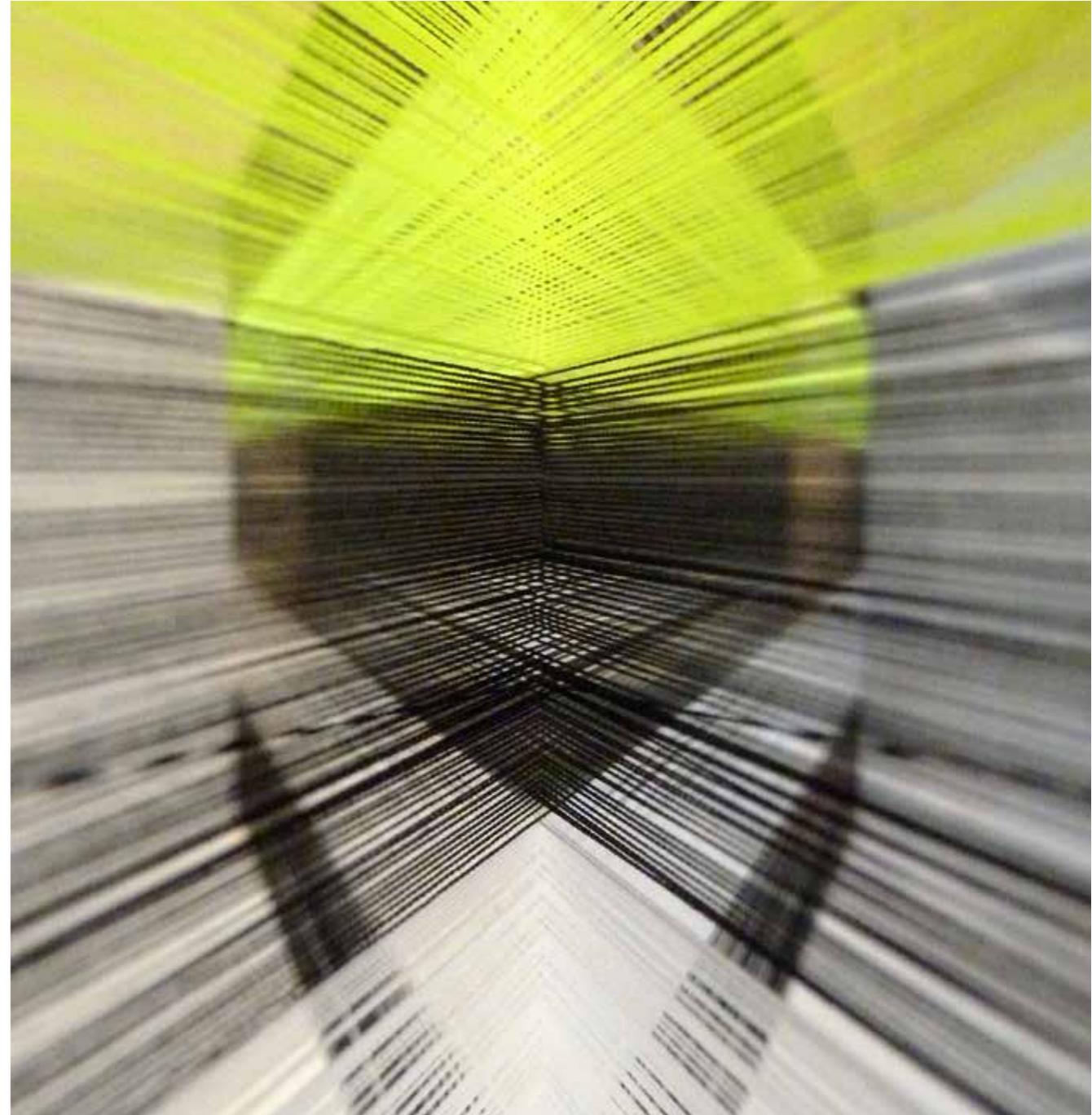
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