

BENCHMARK

Benchmark introduces its Natural Fabric Collection, furthering a commitment to natural upholstery

Leading furniture maker Benchmark introduces its Natural Fabric Collection. Comprising three different weaves developed in close collaboration with British textile manufacturer Tibor, the range builds on Benchmark's commitment to create natural, non-toxic furniture.



Created for those who are pursuing a fully natural offering, this first collection includes a reversible flat wool, a bouclé and a boiled wool – with each available in three colourways. Designed without compromise on the beauty and handle of the fabrics, they add a warm and elegant aesthetic to living spaces and work harmoniously together to create textural interest in interior schemes.

Raw wool is naturally anti-bacterial, breathable, biodegradable, and an excellent insulator. Importantly, it is also inherently fire retardant which means that the Benchmark collection meets fire regulations without the application of toxic fire-retardant chemicals.

Tibor, who are renowned for their innovative textured yarns, have selected the richest British wools and softest organic cottons, which have been intricately spun to form bespoke yarns with sculptural shapes and deep nature-inspired textures, before dyeing, weaving and finishing in Lancashire.

The Natural Fabric Collection follows Benchmark's recent launch of 100% natural fillings made from coir, natural latex and sheep's wool, which were developed in collaboration with The Naturalmat Company. The launch of the fabric collection now provides customers with a 100% natural, non-toxic upholstery solution. Both fillings and fabric have Red List Free Declare Labelling; showing where a

product comes from, what it is made of and where it goes at the end of its life. Red List Free means that it contains no toxic chemicals and does not release harmful VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds).



"When trying to source fabrics to partner with our natural fillings, we really struggled to find options that met both our aesthetics and our focus on sustainability and wellbeing, so we decided the only solution was to develop our own," explains Sean Sutcliffe, founder and MD of Benchmark. "Tibor are a British textile company with excellent environmental credentials and design values at their core. There was much synergy in the creative process and I'm proud that together we have produced a wonderfully textural collection that will sit at the heart of Benchmark's natural upholstery offering, to help create warm and welcoming spaces."

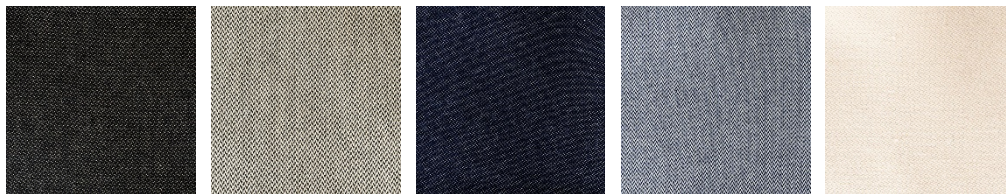
The variety of weights, textures and finishes in the collection are designed to be suitable for residential and commercial environments and to cover all upholstery needs, from occasional chairs and dining seats, to sofas.

The Natural Fabric Collection is available immediately and can be used in conjunction with any Benchmark furniture items.



Fabric Details:

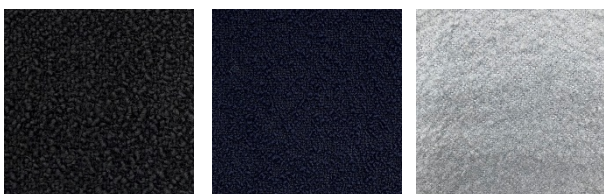
Flat Weave – 100% British Wool in Charcoal, Reversed Charcoal, Deep Blue, Reversed Deep Blue and Ecu



Bouclé – 57% British Bouclé Wool, 31% British Wool, 12% Organic Cotton in Charcoal, Deep Blue and Ecu



Boiled Wool – 79% British Textured Wool, 21% Organic Cotton in Charcoal, Deep Blue and Sky Blue



About Benchmark

A powerhouse of craft, Benchmark are one of the UK's leading furniture-makers. Founded by Terence Conran and Sean Sutcliffe in 1984, the company has a mission to create furniture that contributes to human health and well-being, using natural, sustainable and non-toxic materials. With workshops in Berkshire and Dorset, Benchmark works with many of the world's leading architects and designers on commercial and residential projects. From forest to finished piece, Benchmark are positioned as a leader in sustainable enterprise. Their approach marries forward-thinking design with exemplary levels of craftsmanship and creativity, producing furniture that exudes natural warmth and soul.

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About Tibor

Tibor was founded by Tibor Reich in 1946. Tibor was one of the post-war's leading modernist textile designers designing for the Queen, Concorde, Festival of Britain and for hotels including Claridge's and the Savoy. Today Tibor, relaunched by Reich's grandson, Sam Reich, weaves Deep Textured textiles for modern interiors using traditional techniques. Since pioneering this idea in 1945, Tibor's textiles have brought warmth to the world through colour and texture. Honouring the vision of Tibor Reich, our creative philosophy is driven by interpreting nature's beauty into our original textiles. Committed to craftsmanship of the highest quality, we work only with the finest British manufactures from sheep to cloth.

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