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*Layer
Throw Blanket*

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Northern Introduces "Layer": A Tactile Exploration of Colour, Depth, and Nostalgia

Northern is proud to announce the launch of Layer, a new series of throw blankets designed by Norwegian designer Mariken Steen-Forgaard. Layer is a sophisticated study in how colour and weaving techniques can create a sense of three-dimensional depth and emotional warmth.

The development of Layer was a natural evolution for Steen-Forgaard. Moving from the bold primary colours of her previous work for Northern to a softer, more nuanced palette, she drew inspiration from the nostalgic, faded hues of 1970s family photo albums—evoking a sense of security and comfort.

"Colours are never isolated; they are always interacting with their surroundings," says Mariken Steen-Forgaard. "With Layer, I wanted to create an illusion of volume in a flat textile by using shifts in contrast and clever layering of just three tones."

The blanket is crafted from New Zealand wool, a material that absorbs light to enhance the richness of the earthy tones. Finished with classic fringes, Layer is designed for the modern home where quality and emotional resonance go hand in hand.

"These secondary tones give me a nostalgic feeling—like the faded images in a family photo album from my childhood. It feels warm, safe, and authentic."

Design by Mariken Steen-Forgaard

Photos by Sara Angeliga Spilling

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Highlights

- Designed by Mariken Steen-Forgaard as a sophisticated evolution of the Echo series
- Creates a three-dimensional illusion of depth within a two-dimensional weave
- Inspired by the nostalgic, faded secondary tones of 1970s family photo albums
- Woven from high-quality New Zealand wool that enhances earthy, light-absorbing tones

Product information

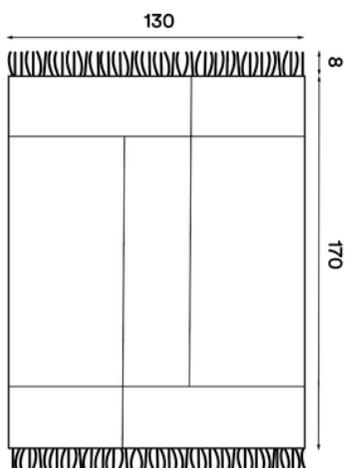
Material: New Zealand wool

Colours: Brown, green or orange

Net weight: 1.1 kg



Dimensions



Design by Mariken Steen-Forgaard



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Norwegian graphic artist Mariken Steen-Forgaard has an academic background in communication design, making storytelling a central part of her creative process. Her work is a curious exploration of abstract concepts such as memory, imagination, and perception. For Northern, she investigates the interaction of colour and light, moving from the primary-coloured Echo series to the nostalgic, layered depths of the Layer throw blanket. Her designs often trigger distant memories, using colour as a tool to create atmosphere and a sense of security in the home.

Mariken Steen-Forgaard



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Models and prices



Layer throw blanket brown, green or orange

NOK 1 790 / SEK 1 790

DKK 1 190 / EUR 169

Retailers and distribution:
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About

Northern, born in Oslo in 2005, is a small Norwegian producer crafting the very best in furniture, lighting, and design accessories. We blend creativity with traditional craftsmanship, making Nordic design cooler and ever more beautiful. By continuously improving and challenging ourselves and making the Northern collection more unified in spirit and style.

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