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The *Braid Collection* features four rugs designed by Karin An Rijlaarsdam. The collection expands on the original bestselling rug design *Braid*, offering twelve soft, neutral tones, and extending the family with three new designs: *Braid Bloom*, *Braid Horizon* and *Braid Rise*. These three colour block designs are each made in different shapes and are inspired by the naturally reoccurring proportions found in botany, arboriculture and landscapes.

Handcrafted from 88% recycled post-consumer PET ropes, the rugs feature delicate irregularities reminiscent of the surfaces of minerals and stones. The design process involved extensive experimentation with different materials and braiding techniques, resulting in durable rugs that are visually unique and comfortable. Each rug is made using a stitching technique that assembles the braided ropes with minimal production waste.

Karin An Rijlaarsdam: “*The soothing new colour palette for the Braid Collection is inspired by Kaolin, a clay mineral which I have experimented with extensively in recent years. Kaolin is a natural source which provides an infinite universe of colours, textures and grades of transparency. This palette provides the rugs with a sense of tranquillity and harmony.*”

The durable construction and versatile colour palette of the rugs in the *Braid Collection* make them ideal for a wide range of interior environments. Suitable for both residential and commercial use, the rugs can be customised with cut-outs for floor tanks.

Braid 2

Braid 2 expands on Karin An Rijlaarsdam’s original *Braid* rug, with a newly defined colour palette featuring twelve soft, organic tones. The seven additional colours draw inspiration from raw kaolin’s earthy tones, with shades including sand, kaolin, musk, basalt, fluorite, slate and sea, and are offered alongside five existing shades, white marble, oat, stone, pine and salt and pepper.

The rug is hand-crafted using two sizes of braided rope – one thick and one thin – made from recycled post-consumer polyester. The thick ropes are machine braided from 32 thin yarns in four colours, divided into subtly contrasting groups. The thinner rope, composed of eight yarns, harmonises with one colour group of the thick rope, creating a soft contrast within each rug.

To manufacture *Braid 2*, the thin rope is stitched in a gentle curve over the thick ropes, adding a beautiful irregularity to the design’s structure. Arranged in spiral for round and oval rugs or in neat rows for rectangular ones, the braids are stitched into place before each piece is finished with a fine rope border and a 10cm wrapping detail. This stitching technique results in minimal production waste.

Suitable for residential and commercial use, *Braid 2* can be customised with cut-outs for floor tanks. *Braid 2*’s durable construction and versatile colour palette make it ideal for a wide range of interior environments.

Braid 2

Stitching

88% recycled polyester, 12% polyester

12 colours

8 mm (¼”) high

2700 g/m² (8.8 oz/sq ft)

300 cm × 400 cm, Ø 300 cm (118” × 157 ½”, Ø 118”)



Customised cut-out for floor tanks possible for *Braid 2*, *Braid Bloom*, *Braid Horizon* and *Braid Rise* rugs



Braid Bloom

Stitching

88% recycled polyester, 12% polyester

3 colours

8 mm (¼") high

2700 g/m² (8.8 oz/sq ft)

Ø 300 cm (118")

Braid Bloom

Braid Bloom is a round rug with a two-tone colour block in a balanced ratio of 55% to 45%, inspired by the proportions of flora in bloom

The rug is handcrafted from two types of braided ropes, one thick and one thin, both made from high-quality recycled polyester yarns. Each thick rope is braided from 32 yarns in four colours, while the thinner ropes use eight yarns creating a soft contrast and a subtle movement within each rug.

Braid Bloom is stitched with the thin rope applied in a slightly curved line over the thick ropes, creating a beautifully textured effect. The ropes are spirally arranged during stitching and bordered with a fine rope and a 10cm wrapping detail. This stitching technique results in a minimal production waste.

Using the colour palette of *Braid 2*, three colour block designs are offered – kaolin and sand, sand and fluorite, and basalt and musk. Custom colour options are available upon request.

Braid Bloom suits heavy residential and commercial use and can be customised with cut-outs for floor tanks. *Braid Bloom* is a flexible and robust choice for diverse interior spaces.

Braid Horizon

Braid Horizon is a rectangular rug featuring a two-tone colour block in a balanced composition, inspired by the proportional beauty of an oceanic sunset.

Handcrafted from 88% recycled PET, this hardwearing rug uses two types of braided ropes: a thick rope made from 32 yarns in four colours and a thinner rope of eight yarns in two colours. The rug is assembled by stitching the thin rope in a gentle wave across the thick ropes, creating a natural, textured detail. The ropes are then arranged in rows for rectangular formats before being stitched together and secured with a fine border rope, featuring a refined 10cm wrapping detail. This stitching technique results in minimal production waste.

The colours are drawn from the *Braid 2* palette, with three available combinations: sand and kaolin, kaolin and fluorite, and slate and basalt. Custom colours are available upon request.

Suitable for heavy residential and commercial use, *Braid Horizon* can be customised with cut-outs for floor tanks. *Braid Horizon's* durable construction and versatile colour palette make it ideal for a wide range of interior environments.



Braid Horizon

Stitching

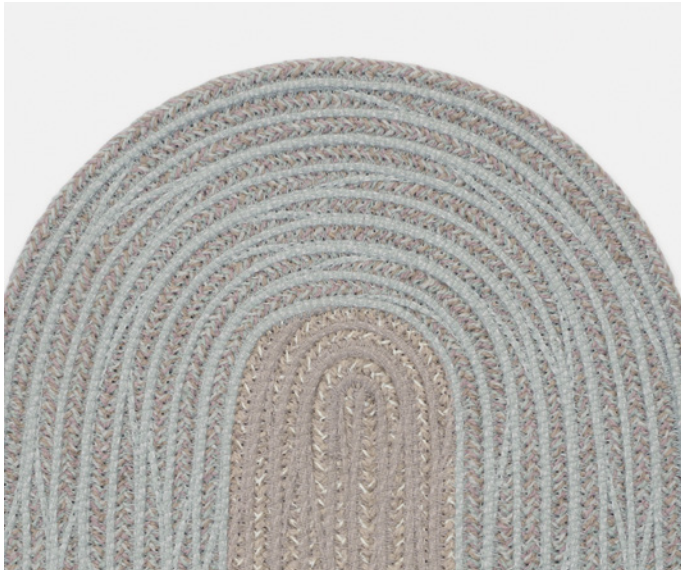
88% recycled polyester, 12% polyester

3 colours

8 mm (¼") high

2700 g/m² (8.8 oz/sq ft)

300 cm × 400 cm (118" × 157 ½")



Braid Rise

Stitching

88% recycled polyester, 12% polyester

3 colours

8 mm (¼") high

2700 g/m² (8.8 oz/sq ft)

300 cm × 400 cm (118" × 157 ½")

Braid Rise

Braid Rise is an oval shaped rug with a design informed by the intricate drawings found on pebbles and rocks, narrating the passage of time and resilience. It features a soft dual colour composition following the proportion of 60% to 40%.

The rug incorporates thick and thin braided ropes – one made from 32 yarns in four colours, the other with eight yarns in two colours. To make the rug, the thin rope is stitched in a gentle curve along the thick ropes, adding a sense of visual rhythm and texture. The ropes are then assembled in a spiral, stitched together and secured with a fine border rope, featuring a refined 10cm wrapping detail. This stitching technique results in minimal production waste.

Braid Rise is available in three serene colour combinations – sand and kaolin, fluorite and kaolin, and slate and basalt. Custom colour options are available upon request.

Ideal for heavy residential and commercial applications, *Braid Rise* brings elegance and functionality to contemporary interiors and supports a range of practical needs, including optional cut-outs for floor tanks.

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