



## MEET *the* MAKER

ALYSON KHAN

In 2000, on a whim, then-novice painter Alyson Khan showed a selection of her work at a Denver cafe—and sold every last piece. “That experience was electrifying and formative and definitely set me on a track to take my work more seriously and continue to put it out there,” Khan says. These days, her graphic, abstract paintings have found homes in hotels and private collections around the world, in collaborations with brands such as West Elm and Anthropologie, and in February, as part of a group exhibition at Denver’s Space Gallery. Here, Khan shares her inspiration and more. [alysonkhan.com](http://alysonkhan.com)

**Why is paint your medium of choice?** Paint lends itself most extensively to experiencing color, which is probably the most important aspect of my work. There is an endless variety of colors you can achieve. I also deeply appreciate the emotional resonance and energy of color that can be felt through painting.

**Tell us about your inspiration.** It could be through colors, textures, textiles, interior design or weird shapes on a dried leaf, or even some words strung together, which I will actually scribble onto the canvas and build from there.

**Do you have a creative to-do list?** Rugs have always inspired me, and I would love to work with a rug designer and see my work applied in that way. I also think it would be amazing to see my work in fashion; to experience the images in motion.

## TALKING SHOP

# ORGANIC LOOMS

Inside Organic Looms’ new Denver Design District showroom (595 S. Broadway, Ste. 103E) you’ll find stunning heirloom-quality rugs and endless possibilities for bespoke designs. “If a client can dream it, we can make it,” says showroom director Stephanie Bryant Holmes. The Denver locale partners with weaving companies globally to create its designs. From drawings to completion, each rug is touched by nearly two dozen artisans, including weavers who spin and dye natural fibers by hand before knotting them on a vertical loom. The extensive inventory spans the style spectrum, from modern to tribal, and includes a collection of vintage, one-of-a-kind Turkish rugs. [organiclooms.com](http://organiclooms.com)



## CHECK IN

### JACQUARD HOTEL & ROOFTOP

The 201-room Jacquard Hotel & Rooftop (222 Milwaukee St.) may be shiny and new, but architecture firm Cannon Design and interiors studio Design Force Corporation went to great lengths to ensure the luxury hotel fits right into the tony Cherry Creek North shopping district. The eye-catching structure engages the bustling neighborhood with its glass-walled, two-story lobby, while a rooftop patio—complete with a bar and 75-foot-long pool—affords views of the skyline and mountains beyond. A collection of fine art—curated by art advisory firm Nine Dot Arts—showcases the work of local artists. An impressive array of extras, from in-room Peloton bikes to personal stylists to a Tesla house car, delivers everything travelers would expect from Denver’s swankiest hood. [thejacquard.com](http://thejacquard.com)

