

SIDE GALLERY

THOMAS TAKADA



Rug Model "Buisson Ardent"

Designed by Thomas Takada
Paris, 2026
Burnt reclaimed wool carpet

Measurements

200 × 200 cm
78,7 × 78,7 in

Edition

Limited edition of 7.
More sizes are available upon request

Exhibitions

Exhibited at Villa Noailles Design Parade 2026,
Hyères (France)

About

The Buisson Ardent collection was conceived for the 20th Design Parade Hyères, presented at Villa Noailles (June 25–28, 2026). The exhibition takes its roots at the edge of Paris's Parc des Buttes-Chaumont, where seeds and debris gather and brambles grow abundantly beyond the reach of gardeners, suspended between freedom and abandonment. Often regarded as a weed, the bramble is nevertheless a pioneering species and the bearer of the symbolism of the burning bush, prompting a reflection on what this resilient plant can reveal about ourselves and our relationship with the landscape.

Each object in the collection is an exploration of the bramble through craftsmanship and materiality. The bramble is burned, cast, woven, cut, buried, imprinted, assembled and repaired. These processes reveal both the destructive relationship we can have with our environment and ourselves, as well as a more poetic, less anthropocentric perspective that embraces the complexity and mysteries of the physical world.

Created from reclaimed wool carpet, Buisson Ardent embodies the transformation of discarded material through the act of burning. The surface bears the traces of heat, recalling both the destructive force of fire and the regenerative symbolism of the burning bush. By combining reuse with artisanal intervention, the rug becomes a meditation on memory, resilience and renewal, revealing how acts of alteration can uncover unexpected beauty while inviting a renewed dialogue between material, landscape and time.

Biography

Thomas Takada (b. Japan) is a French artist whose practice operates at the intersection of architecture, design, and contemporary art. His work engages critically with the environmental, cultural, and material conditions of the present, proposing a sensitive and poetic reconsideration of our relationship to the physical world in the context of the climate crisis. Born in Japan and raised in the United States, Takada developed a cross-cultural perspective that informs his approach to landscape, materiality, and perception. His formative years in the U.S. fostered a deep connection to 19th-century American thought, particularly the writings of Henry David Thoreau and the paintings of Thomas Cole, whose reflections on nature and the transformation of the landscape during industrialization continue to resonate within his work.

Takada studied architecture at the École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris-Belleville, where he developed a methodology grounded in observation, material research, and conceptual clarity. His practice privileges a local and handcrafted approach, often based on the collection of found materials—organic or industrial—from specific environments. Through this process, he seeks to reveal overlooked qualities and latent narratives embedded within everyday matter.