

PATTERNED PERSPECTIVES

Inspired by the beauty and artistry of the botanical illustrations from the archives of the Lalbagh Botanical Gardens in Bangalore.

Anaka Narayanan creates exquisite moodboards that translate into aesthetically designed garments. The exhibition shares the intriguing design process from inspiration to collection.



My last collection was inspired by botanical illustrations found in the archives of the Lalbagh Botanical Gardens in Bangalore. These botanical illustrations are scientific artworks commissioned to help botanists identify plants, but what fascinated me was the beauty and artistic detail in these illustrations. I created a moodboard based on a few of these illustrations, and from there I came up with a collection of prints (along with a textile designer) that were both abstract (based on plant cells or leaf skeletons) as well as literal (based on actual flowers, fruit and leaves). I'd like to present the moodboard at the exhibition at InKo Centre, along with a few garments and textile samples so people viewing the exhibit can see the thought and design process from theme and inspiration to collection.

Anaka Narayanan, Designer & Creative Director, Brass Tacks.

Anaka Narayanan launched Brass Tacks as a result of her own longing for well-cut clothes made from natural and handwoven fabrics. An appreciation for textiles is in Anaka's blood. In the year she was born, her mother co-founded a saree retail business and Anaka grew up surrounded by the textures, scents and colours of natural fabrics. Balancing her love for traditional crafts with a desire for practical foundations, Anaka decided to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Economics in the

United States. Driven by the dearth of garments she wanted and visualised, Anaka decided to move back to Chennai in 2006 to create fashion-forward silhouettes for the urban progressive Indian woman.

Anaka works with a team of tailors, pattern-makers and cutters to produce two collections a year that are retailed at Brass Tacks stores in Chennai and Bangalore, and online on brasstacks.co.in



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