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REMINISCENT

Reminiscent explores the relationship of living in a city while craving the sensorial experience of being in nature. The sense of smell is a powerful catalyst to trigger memories and emotions. Reinterpreting what fragrance is, the designer uses textiles as aroma therapy to condense time and distance and create an immersive experience to reconnect with nature and aroma.

Through a collection of wall tapestries and embroideries that stimulate the senses with a feeling of familiarity, she plays with six different fragrances each bearing a strong connection with her South Indian heritage. Creating a system of fragrant embellishment, she developed a coating

for her yarn using beeswax hardened with resin, pure essential oils for fragrance and natural pigments for colour.

Her collection incorporates handspun recycled sari silk, embroidered vetiver root and organza naturally dyed with earth. Each piece reinforcing her connection with nature and the intimate memories triggered by scent.

Pallavi Padukone experiments with embroidery, weaving and natural dyeing as she strongly believes in the philosophy of respecting craftsmanship, the handmade and the slow. As a graduate from the MFA Textiles programme she plans to revolutionise the fragrance industry.

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