

Space in Between

London Design Festival 2026
Presented by Iris Lin & Sidney Liu



Overview

Space in Between brings together Taiwanese artists Iris Lin and Sidney Liu, whose practices explore the relationships between material, memory, and place through contemporary textile practices.

Through installations, material experiments, workshops, and tea gatherings, the exhibition creates a dialogue between natural fibres, weaving, and making, inviting visitors to slow down and experience textile as a living process of observation, transformation, and connection.

Exhibition Statement

Space in Between is presented as part of London Design Festival 2026, bringing together the practices of Taiwanese artists Iris Lin and Sidney Liu.

Although each artist works with textiles through distinct material languages, both are interested in how materials carry traces of place, memory, and cultural experience. Their works emerge through careful observation, making, and experimentation, transforming fibres and natural materials into forms that invite new ways of seeing, sensing, and relating.

For **Iris Lin**, textile becomes a method of translation. Drawing from field research, natural dyeing, and material experimentation, her practice explores how encounters with landscapes, plants, and everyday experiences can be transformed into tactile and spatial forms. Wool dyed with tea and botanical materials becomes both a record of observation and a medium through which visitors are encouraged to engage with place through multiple senses.

Sidney Liu reimagines the language of weaving through the use of bamboo, a material deeply embedded in Taiwan's cultural landscape. Deconstructing traditional weaving systems and combining them with Western embroidery techniques, she challenges the boundaries between craft and contemporary practice. Rather than simply reinterpreting traditional weaving, Liu recontextualises cultural heritage, transforming material, structure, and inherited techniques into a new textile vocabulary.

Together, their practices create a dialogue between natural fibres, woven structures, and material transformation. Rather than offering fixed narratives, Space in Between proposes the exhibition as an open space for attention—where landscape, memory, tradition, and material meet through making and observation.

Alongside the exhibition, a programme of workshops and tea gatherings extends these ideas beyond the gallery, inviting visitors to participate through making, conversation, and shared experiences.

About the Artists

Iris Lin

Iris Lin is a Taiwanese designer and artist whose practice bridges design and artistic research through material exploration, participatory experiences, and spatial installations. Working across textiles, natural dyeing, workshops, and field research, she investigates how observation can be translated into tangible experiences that connect people with places, materials, and one another.

Rather than separating design from artistic research, Lin approaches both as complementary ways of understanding and responding to the world. Her work transforms everyday encounters into tactile experiences that invite reflection, participation, and new ways of sensing our relationship with the environment.

Sidney Liu

Sidney Liu is a Taiwanese artist and spatial designer whose multidisciplinary practice examines the intersections of material, craft, and spatial experience. Rooted in product design and informed by textile practice, her work spans textiles, ceramics, and installation, exploring how traditional techniques can be reimagined through contemporary making.

Rather than treating craft as a fixed cultural inheritance, Liu approaches it as an evolving language—one shaped by experimentation, material research, and cross-cultural dialogue. Through this process, she creates works that bridge design, art, and craft while opening new possibilities for material expression.

Programme

Exhibition

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Workshop

Details to be announced.

Tea Gathering

Details to be announced.

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