PRESS RELEASE

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Textile Center's Holiday Gallery Shop features tactile gifts by more than 150 fiber and textile artists, most based in Minnesota

This popular annual shopping event, running through December 31, 2026, features pop-up trunk shows, fiber art demonstrations, special sales, and more.





(Minneapolis, MN – October 30, 2026) – A beloved annual tradition, **Textile Center's Holiday Gallery Shop** returns with a vibrant selection of handmade fiber and textile gifts from more than 150 artists, offering a truly unique holiday shopping experience.

Walk inside Textile Center and you'll be greeted by an abundance of tactile textile gifts filling every nook and cranny of our vibrant center for fiber arts in Minneapolis. This magical, gift-filled wonderland takes over our main gallery space, expanding the shop to double the size and offering every fiber good you can imagine: ornaments, garments, hats and mittens, scarves, wall décor, and so much more.







(Scarves by Karen Rumpza, Upcycled sweatshirts by Hell R' High Water Wares, Looped ornaments by Karen Searle)

Even better, the majority of participating artists are your neighbors, living and creating right here in Minnesota. Shopping at Textile Center's Shop is another way to support the local creative community, continuing the spirit of community support that has been so important throughout the challenging year of 2026.

Each section of the Holiday Shop transports you to a different setting. Wander through a summer garden filled with natural dye kits and botanical printed scarves and mittens. Step into a festive Christmas celebration, where trees and tables are decked with ornaments and colorful kitchen textiles. Visit a whimsical corner that sparks the imagination with playful quilted fruits and vegetables, crocheted octopus keychains, and colorful coiled wall art. And don't miss the Minnesota pride table, featuring kits to make your own felted loon, oven mitts shaped like Minnesota, and more.

In a world increasingly filled with AI-generated art, mass-produced products, and fast fashion, handmade objects – especially textiles – offer something deeply human, something so many people are craving. That humanness is felt not only through the fibers themselves, but also through the intention and creativity behind each piece, creating thoughtful gifts for loved ones.

Plus, Textile Center's secondhand fiber art supplies shop, **The Stashery**, will be open during business hours — featuring shelves stocked with yarns, fabrics, buttons, tools, and books at discounted prices. Find supplies in The Stashery for your artist friends or anyone who loves a DIY project.

Textile Center's Holiday Gallery Shop opens Tuesday, November 3, and runs through Thursday, December 31, 2026. We also have a robust lineup of special events in the Holiday Shop, including pop-up trunk shows with local artists and artist and guild demos. Find more details online here.

TRUNK SHOWS AT-A-GLANCE:



November 12 – 14 • Trunk Show with Erin Holt

Shop yarn and roving from a customer favorite, Erin Holt. Erin's hand spun yarn highlights stunning wool and fiber produced by local small farms raising well-loved animals. Erin will also have daily spinning demos.



November 20 – 21 • Trunk Show with Mintz Makes

Shop one-of-a-kind cyanotype prints by Tauby Mintz, a Cyanotype Artist and Creative based in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Tauby loves creating prints using anything from foraged plants to lifeless insects to thrifted crystal plates and bowls.



December 9 – 13: Trunk Show with Erin Peña

In this first-ever trunk show for Erin Peña, find earrings, necklaces, and more that have never been offered to the public before. Erin is an experimental beader specializing in geometric forms and they have built up quite a catalogue of jewelry styles over the last several years.



Be sure to check out our exhibitions during your visit to Textile Center, which are free and open to the public.

For those who prefer to shop online, we offer a robust selection of items available 24/7 on our website here. New items are added weekly, ensuring a fresh selection for online shoppers with convenient shipping and pickup options.

Follow Textile Center's emails, Instagram, and Facebook to learn about some of our holiday shop artists.

TEXTILE CENTER HOLIDAY GALLERY SHOP HOURS:

- **Tuesday – Thursday**, 10 am – 7 pm
- **Friday and Saturday**, 10 am – 4 pm
- **Closed Sunday and Monday**

- **Other special holiday hours:**
  - Open December 24, 10 am – 4 pm
  - Closed December 25
  - Open December 26, and December 30 + 31, 10 am – 4 pm
  - Closed January 1 and 2

TEXTILE CENTER HOLIDAY GALLERY SHOP SPECIAL EVENTS LINEUP:

Nov 3 – 7 (during open hours):
International Fiber Finds Sale
Nov 6, 1 – 4 pm • **MN Lace Society Demo**
Nov 12 – 14 • **Erin Holt Trunk Show**
Nov 13 • **Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Demo**
Nov 20 – 21 • **Mintz Makes Trunk Show**
Nov 20, 10 am – 1 pm • **MN Feltmakers' Guild Demo**
Nov 20, 1 – 4 pm • **MN Contemporary Quilters Demo: Big Stitch Quilting**
Nov 26 + 27 • **Erin Peña Trunk Show**
Dec 1 – 5 • **Textile Center Staff Trunk Show**
Dec 4, 10 am – 10 pm • **Polymer Clay Guild Demo**
Dec 4, 1 – 4 pm • **MN Knitters' Guild Demo**
Dec 8 – 12 • **Kabouter Creative Trunk Show**
Dec 11, 10 am – 1 pm • **MN Lace Society Demo**
Dec 11, 1 – 4 pm • **MN Feltmakers Guild Demo**
Dec 17 – 19 • **Cool Trash! Trunk Show**
Dec 18, 1 – 4 pm • **MN Knitters' Guild Demo**

ABOUT TEXTILE CENTER:

Textile Center is unique as a national center for fiber art, with a mission to honor textile traditions, promote excellence and innovation, nurture appreciation, and inspire widespread participation in fiber arts. The Center's resources include exceptional fiber art exhibitions, an artisan shop, a secondhand supplies shop, the region's only accessible professional-grade dye lab, a natural dye plant garden, and one of the nation's largest circulating textile libraries open to the public. Textile Center produces more than 200 classes a year for all ages and skill levels through its youth, adult, and outreach programs. A dynamic hub of fiber activity for more than 30 years, Textile Center brings people together in community to learn, create, share, and be inspired by fiber art. For more information, visit: textilecentermn.org.

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