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From Inspiration at a Buddhist Temple to a Boutique Near You



Alice Huang

Independent designer, **Alice Huang** has recently launched a line of handbags made from unique and authentic vintage kimonos. Each handbag is hand crafted in the U.S. using a mixture of new, organic and recycled materials. Huang designs with a great appreciation for nature and uses sustainable materials whenever possible. By re-using materials to create sustainable accessories, a beautiful, one-of-a-kind item is created without waste while preserving the environment.

Alice has titled her line "Mei" for the Chinese meaning "beautiful". The line has an obvious Asian influence, as the designer has spent most of her life traveling between Asia and the U.S. Design details in this line are also taken from architecture, landscape and both Eastern and Western art. Aside from Asia and the USA, Huang has also journeyed through Europe, picking up incredible inspiration along the way.

She began collecting vintage kimono fabric while attending college in Hawaii. It was there that she worked part-time at a Japanese Buddhist Temple as a youth program coordinator. Temple members would donate their old kimonos to sell during fundraisers. She fell in love with the intricate details and beautiful patterns of these kimonos and an obsession with textile was born. She knew that one day she would make good use of her vintage collectibles.

Mei Vintage offers exclusive vintage handbags made from the finest leather remnants and exquisite kimono fabric. A handbag from Mei Vintage conveys a sense of true beauty and individuality.

Alice has graciously agreed to offer one very lucky Modern Hippie Mag reader a chance to own one of her **MeiVintage Hermosa wallets valued at 158!**

Made with soft Italian lambskin, hemp/cotton lining, and features gold piping with vintage kimono print, the Hermosa wallet is handmade in California.

Please note: Because each MeiVintage design is unique and limited edition, winner may not receive the exact textile design shown.

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Hermosa

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