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Press release

Danish craft artists' experimental drive and high artistic standards contribute to Denmark's creative image.

Denmark – particularly Copenhagen – is becoming a treasure trove of craft- and design shops. Previously noted for food, films and fashion; Denmark has recently begun drawing international attention due to its contemporary craft and design. With the new "Danish Crafts – Guide to Shops and Galleries" Danish Crafts is showcasing shops and galleries contributing to Denmark's creative reputation right now.

Denmark has achieved international fame, partly because of the success of Danish films abroad, and the capital has been termed "Cool Copenhagen", because the city is a front-runner when it comes to food and fashion. Meanwhile Danish craft is drawing international attention while Copenhagen and the rest of the country are experiencing a boom in the number of art- and design shop selling trendy, up-to-the-minute Danish craft. This is how crafts contribute to the ambience, the characteristic pulse of Copenhagen, helping to put the capital and the entire country on the world map.

"Danish Crafts – Guide to Shops and Galleries" 2006/07 presents and showcases a number of these craft shops and –galleries, ranging right from the large, international-format galleries to the smaller ones with adjoining workshops, offering a chance to meet the artists and hear their stories.

The common denominator for all participating shops and galleries is that they represent Danish craft of the highest quality, both artistically and in terms of workmanship: each piece is executed by professionally trained craft artists. Another feature of all the artists represented here is that they have achieved international recognition, with their work being continuously acknowledged with prizes and awards.

69 craft-shops and –galleries have accepted our invitation to participate in this guide, presenting quality craft as well as exclusive once-off work. The book - written in Danish, English and German - is available at museums, exhibition halls and booksellers throughout the country. It also retails from a number of the participating shops and galleries and may be ordered through Danish Crafts at www.danishcrafts.dk or over the phone by calling +45 3312 6162. For a detailed list of retailers see www.danishcrafts.dk. Price: 85,00 DKK.

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Danish Crafts is a nationwide information centre aimed at showcasing, promoting and increasing sales for Danish craft and design both at home and abroad. Danish Crafts is an independent institution under the Danish Ministry of Culture.