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South Korean Aamu Song and Finland native Johan Olin (both pictured) met while studying at Aalto University. The designers bonded over their love for traditional handicrafts and set out on an epic journey around the world, visiting craft masters in Finland, Russia, Japan and beyond.

On their travels the pair learned techniques to create artisanal toys, clothes and homeware pieces with a modern twist. "It's a fantastic excuse to travel and design in foreign countries but we feel the importance of having our own shop to follow the full cycle of the product, from birth until it finds a good home," says Song.

The duo's tiny atelier (which doubles as a shop) offers visitors the chance to learn about their craft and purchase an item or two over a cup of tea. The workshop is open by appointment only because Song and Olin are often travelling but not to worry: as both are great admirers of street kiosks, they've opened their own mobile stand near Helsinki Central Station where you can browse their creations at your leisure.

Workshop: 10 Laivurinkatu, 00150
Kiosk: 1 Postikatu, 00100
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2018 founded
4 staff across 2 branches
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