

# Akari Light Sculptures

Isamu Noguchi, 1951

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In 1951 the Japanese-American artist Isamu Noguchi began to design the Akari Light Sculptures, a group of works handcrafted out of shoji paper that eventually comprised over 100 luminaires – table, floor and ceiling lamps. He chose the name ‚akari‘ for these objects, a word that means ‚light‘ in Japanese, connoting both illumination and physical lightness.

sun filtered through the paper of shoji. The harshness of electricity is thus transformed through the magic of paper back to the light of our origin – the sun – so that its warmth may continue to fill our rooms at night.‘ (Isamu Noguchi)

### Materials

- **Lampshades:** shoji paper, some partially painted. Some models with end pieces in wood/bamboo.
- **Structure:** bamboo/steel wire.
- **Legs:** painted steel wire.

„The light of Akari is like the light of the



**Akari 1A,**  
430x250x250



**Akari 1AD,**  
430x260x260



**Akari 1AG,**  
430x260x260



**Akari 1AY,**  
430x260x260



**Akari 1N,**  
390x250x250



**Akari 1P,**  
470x210x210



**Akari 3X,**  
380x230x230



**Akari XP1,**  
380x220x220



**Akari UF1-H,**  
510x200x200



**Akari 20N,**  
630x420x420



**Akari 26N,**  
610x350x350



**Akari UF2-33N,**  
710x300x300



**Akari 3A,**  
560x280x280



**Akari 3AD,**  
560x250x250



**Akari 9AD,**  
620x440x440



**Akari UF3-Q,**  
1450x560x560



**Akari 10A,**  
1230x530x530



**Akari 14A,**  
1580x510x510



**Akari UF4-L8,**  
1880x410x410



**Akari UF4-33N,**  
1900x470x470



**Akari UF4-L10,**  
1930x480x480



**Akari BB3-33S,**  
1700x750x250



**Akari BB3-55DD,**  
1850x530x530



**Akari 45A,**  
450x450x450



**Akari 55A,**  
550x550x550



**Akari 75A,**  
750x750x750



**Akari 120A,**  
1200x1200x1200



**Akari 55D,**  
520x550x550



**Akari 75D,**  
690x740x740



**Akari 26A,**  
250x450x450



**Akari 21A,**  
280x650x650



**Akari 15A,**  
330x880x880



**Akari 50EN,**  
250x500x500



**Akari 70EN,**  
330x700x700



**Akari 23A,**  
700x320x320



**Akari 45X,**  
430x430x430



**Akari J1,**  
1880x250x250



**Akari 33N,**  
1600x470x470



**Akari E,**  
2950x480x480

