

TAIRU RUG

Material
Cotton

Handcrafted by
Rui Dias

Designed by
Gabriel Tan Studio

Dimensions
300 L x 200 W cm

On the facades of buildings across Japan, from mid-century apartment blocks to neighbourhood bathhouses, a particular kind of tile appears with regularity. Long, narrow, small in format and laid out in organised repetition, designer Gabriel Tan encountered such tiles on his frequent travels to Japan, giving him the inspiration for the Tairu Rug, with him translating the tile face and the grout line, into a woven grid in textile.

Tairu's warm brown 'ground' stands in for the tile surface, dense and tightly flat-woven. At regular intervals, threads of deep navy rise through the weave in short, raised sequences, tracing the rectangular geometry of tile and grout across the full field of the rug. The pairing of warm brown and dark navy holds a balance that is neither rustic nor austere, giving the rug a composed, architectural presence.

