

BASTAR COLLECTION
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Portals through the past

The Bastar collection like the doors it evolves from unites two worlds separated by time — an ancient culture finding expression in contemporary design. This is a series of furniture created with beautifully carved doors and other architectural elements from the tribal heartland of central India.

A journey across centuries

Once a part of temples and community centres built in the 18th century, the doors tell a story of a living culture. With gradual mainstreaming of tribal communities and the effect of natural forces, in many villages all that is left of their historical architecture is columns and doors that held together mud walls.

At This and That, we take the responsibility of preserving these artefacts seriously. In our hands they continue to be objects of use, but in a reimagined context. Instead of freezing it in time as a museum would, we believe that its significance will only grow with use — like a palimpsest recording the history of craft.

Man and material

Carved by the men of the Muriya tribe in the remote Bastar region of central India, the doors welcomed folk into temples and ghotuls (community centres). Made of locally abundant Sal wood, some doors are as old as 200 years. The tribe's deep relationship with the forest they call home manifests in the nature-inspired motifs carved with simple hand tools. Our restoration is informed by the original techniques and materials used. The intent is to, as far as possible, use each panel in its entirety. Retaining the patina that envelops a slowly aged piece of wood, we celebrate the marks of time that tell of its antiquity.



Bastar Four Poster Double Bed

Dimensions : 87''h x 91''w x 90''d



Bastar Four Poster Single Bed

Dimensions : 87''h x 43''w x 90''d



Bastar Bar Unit Single Shutter

Dimensions : 25.5''w x 78''h x 18''d



Bastar Bar Unit Double Shutter

Dimensions : 26''w x 54''h x 18''d



Bastar Wardrobe Double Shutter

Dimensions : 64''h x 32''w x 23''d



Bastar Wardrobe Single Shutter

Dimensions : 70''h x 32''w x 23''d



Bastar Single Cabinet

Dimensions : 67''h x 27''w x 19''d



Bastar Library Cabinet Large

Dimensions : 66''h x 30''w x 15''d



Bastar Library Cabinet Small

Dimensions : 70''h x 19''w x 23.5''d



Bastar panel Console

Dimensions : 36.5''h x 64''w x 18.5''d



Bastar Chest Of Drawers

Dimensions : 39''h x 60''w x 18.5''d



Bastrar Console

Dimensions : 36.5''h X 60''w X 18.5''d



Bastar Dinning Console

Dimensions : 34''h X 53''w X 18.5''d



Ghoda Console

Dimensions : 36.5''h X 64''w X 18.5''d



Hathi Console

Dimensions : 36.5''h X 64''w X 18.5''d



Shoal Console

Dimensions : 36.5''h X 64''w X 18.5''d



Bastar Conch Bench

Dimensions : 39''h x 64''w x 22''d



Bastar Double Panel Bench

Dimensions : 39''h x 62''w x 23''d



Bastar Bench

Dimensions : 39''h x 59''w x 22''d



Bastar Side Table

Dimensions : 30''h x 16''di, 24''h x 20''di, 18''h x 18''di

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