

**One or two person spectacles - exhibitions**

AMA Gallery, Helsinki:  
Johanna Kestilä, textile paintings, 2022

Gallery A2, Helsinki:  
Loving perspective, textile paintings, 2021

Gallery G12, Helsinki:  
Feel the person, textile paintings, 2019

Saatchi Art, Bristol, UK:  
The Other Art Fair, paintings and textile artworks, 2018

Lasipalatsi Exhibition Space, Helsinki:  
Chocolate mouth, paintings and text collages  
by Painting band Arha & Kestilä, 2013

Pyynikki viewing tower, Tampere:  
Paintings in interaction by Painting band Arha & Kestilä, 2015

Gallery Ulaani, Helsinki:  
Land without paths, textile art by  
Johanna Kestilä and Maiju Viitala, 2005

**Other artistic explorations**

Aste 90 Helsinki: Besito-Lightly,  
textile-metal-wood works by  
Johanna Kestilä and Maiju Viitala, 2007

Planar Editions, UK:  
Fine art prints, 2022

ZigZagZurich, Switzerland:  
Design textiles inspired by paintings, 2021-

Rio11 ry Arts community and  
Studio & Gallery, Helsinki:  
Johanna Kestilä, Meri Wiikinkoski and  
Vuokko Takala-Schreib, 2020-

Makoisa Design shop, Helsinki: Designers' sales  
and event point on Museokatu:  
Co-founder together with Maiju Kinnunen, 2009-2010

Ornamo Finnish Designers' Community, Helsinki:  
Exhibition at Kaapelitehdas, textile painting

Ruoholahti metro gallery, Helsinki:  
Visual art therapy students' final project, 2013

**Adventures in learning**

Painting band Arha & Kestilä, Helsinki:  
Paintings in interaction and alternation, 2012

Kuopio Academy of Design celebratory  
exhibition Utopia and homecoming:  
Dancing girl on break, 2010

Turku University of Applied Sciences, Academy of Fine  
Studies in visual art, 2021-22

Alfa Partners Academy, Helsinki:  
Solution-oriented visual art therapist, 2011-13

Kuopio Academy of Design:  
Studies in textile design, 2008-12

College of Construction technology (RATO), Helsinki:  
Studies in construction drawing, 2001-02

Ikaalinen College of Crafts and Design:  
Textile artisan, 2005-07

**Important stuff (kind of)**

Suutarila High School, Helsinki, 1991-93

Rio11 ry Studio + Gallery:  
Chairperson of Board, 2020-

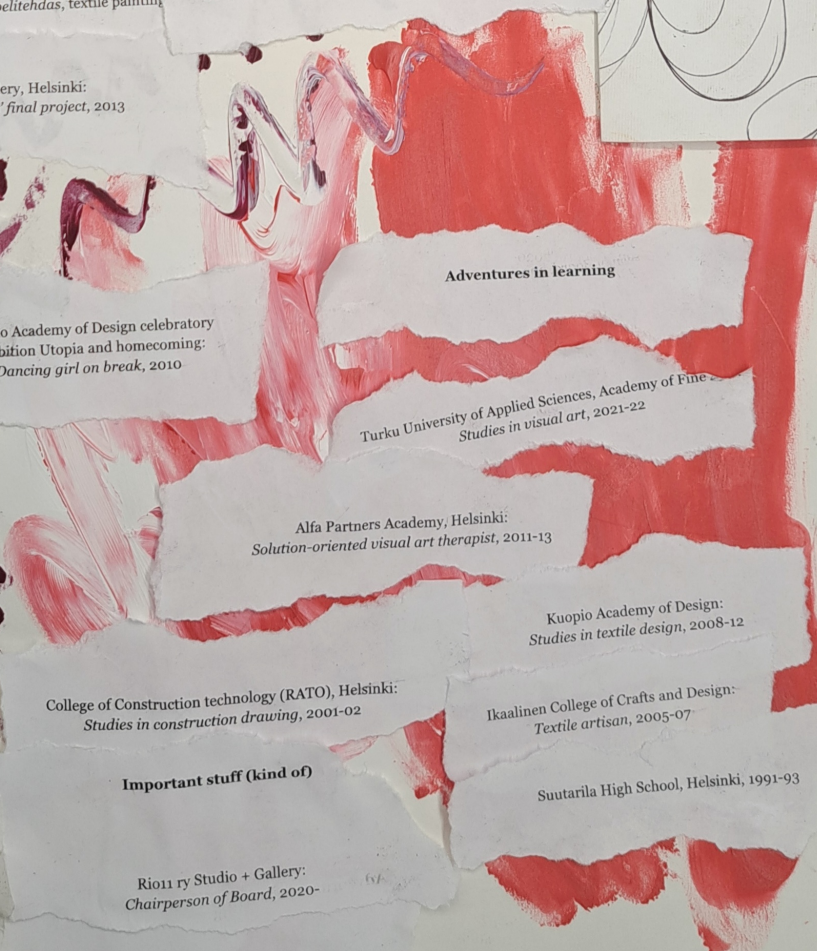
Solution-oriented visual art therapist association:  
Member of Board, 2016-19,  
Vice Chairperson of Board, 2018-19

**Fun with friends - group exhibitions**

Lapinlahden Lähde Center for Arts and Culture, Helsinki:  
Finnish Spirit, textile paintings, 2022

Rio11 Studio + Gallery, Helsinki:  
Studio Riott, paintings and textile artworks, 2021

Rio11 Studio + Gallery, Helsinki:  
The beginning, paintings, 2020



*Elek*

*Arha & Kestilä  
Helsinki  
2015*

*Arha & Kestilä*

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# HARSH COLLECTIVE

Johanna Kestilä

## Education:

- 2021-2022 Turku University of Applied Sciences, Academy of Fine Arts, *Studies in Visual Art*  
2011-2013 Alfa Partners Academy, Helsinki, *Solution-Oriented Art Therapist*  
2008-2012 Kuopio Academy of Design: *Studies in Textile Design*  
2005-2007 Ikaalst College of Handicrafts and Arts, *Textile Artisan*  
1993 Suutarila High School, Helsinki

## Solo Exhibitions:

- 2023 Harsh Collective, New York, USA, *Love Dialogue*, textile paintings  
2022 AMA Gallery, Helsinki, *Johanna Kestilä*, textile paintings  
2021 Gallery A2, Helsinki, *Loving Perspective*, textile paintings  
2019 Gallery G12, Helsinki, *Feel the Person*, textile paintings  
2018 Saatchi Art, Bristol, UK, *The Other Art Fair*, paintings and textile sculptures

## Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Lapinlahden Lähde Center for Arts and Culture, Helsinki, *Finnish Spirit*, textile paintings  
2021 Roi11 Studio + Gallery, Helsinki, *Studio Riott*, paintings and textile artworks  
2020 Roi11 Studio + Gallery, Helsinki, *The Beginning*, paintings  
2015 Pyynikki Observation Tower, Tampere, *Paintings in Interaction* by Arha & Kestilä  
2013 Lasipalatsi Exhibition Space, Helsinki, *Chocolate Mouth*, paintings and textile collages, by Arha & Kestilä  
2013 Ruoholahti Metro Gallery, *Visual Art Therapists' Final Work exhibition*  
2012 Painting Band Arha & Kestilä, Helsinki, *Paintings in Interaction and Alternation*  
2010 Kuopio Academy of Design celebratory exhibition *Utopia and Homecoming: Dancing Girl on Break*  
2007 Aste 90 Helsinki, *Besito-Lightly*, joint exhibition with Maiju Viitala, textile-metal-wood works  
2005 Gallery Ulaani, Helsinki, *Land without Paths*, joint exhibition with Maiju Viitala

## Artistic Collaborations:

- 2022 Planar Editions, UK, *Fine Art Prints*  
2021-Current ZigZagZurich, Switzerland, *Design textiles inspired by paintings*  
2020-Current Rio11 ry Arts Community Studio & Gallery, Helsinki: *Johanna Kestilä, Meri Wiikinkoski and Vuokko Takala-Schreib*  
2009-10 Makoisa Design shop, Helsinki: *Designers' sales and event point on Museokatu*, Co-founder together with Miju Kinnunen

## Boards:

- 2020- Rio11 ry Studio + Gallery: *Chairperson of Board*  
2016-19 Solution-Oriented Visual Art Therapist Association, *Member of the Board*  
2018-19 Solution-Oriented Visual Art Therapist Association, *Vice Chairperson of the Board*