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Our terms

1. These terms

1.1 **What these terms cover.** These are the terms and conditions on which we supply products to you, whether these are goods, services or digital content.

1.2 **Why you should read them.** Please read these terms carefully before you submit your order to us. These terms tell you who we are, how we will provide products to you, how you and we may change or end the contract, what to do if there is a problem and other important information. If you think that there is a mistake in these terms [or require any changes], please contact us to discuss.

2. Information about us and how to contact us

2.1 **Who we are.** We are Houlet Studio, a partnership established in Scotland. Our address is 29 Eglinton Walk, Eaglesham, Glasgow G76 0LB.

2.2 **How to contact us.** You can contact us by telephoning us at [01355 510 464] or by writing to us at neil@houletstudio.co.uk or lorna@houletstudio.co.uk or Houlet Studio, 29 Eglinton Walk, Eaglesham, Glasgow G76 0LB.

2.3 **How we may contact you.** If we have to contact you we will do so by telephone or by writing to you at the email address or postal address you provided to us in your order.

2.4 **"Writing" includes emails.** When we use the words "writing" or "written" in these terms, this includes emails.

3. Our contract with you

3.1 **How we will accept your order.** Our acceptance of your order will take place when we email you to accept it, at which point a contract will come into existence between you and us.

3.2 **If we cannot accept your order.** If we are unable to accept your order, we will inform you of this and will not charge you for the product. This might be because the product is out of stock, because of unexpected limits on our resources which we could not reasonably plan for, because we have identified an error in the price or description of the product or because we are unable to meet a delivery deadline you have specified.

3.3 Your order number. We will assign an order number to your order and tell you what it is when we accept your order. It will help us if you can tell us the order number whenever you contact us about your order.

3.4 We only sell to the UK. Our website is solely for the promotion of our products in the UK. Unfortunately, we do not accept orders from or deliver to addresses outside the UK.

4. Our products

4.1 Products may vary slightly from their pictures. The images of the products on our website are for illustrative purposes only. Although we have made every effort to display the colours accurately, we cannot guarantee that a device's display of the colours accurately reflects the colour of the products. Your product may vary slightly from those images. Although we have made every effort to be as accurate as possible, because some of our products are handmade, all sizes, weights, capacities, dimensions and measurements indicated on our website have a 2% tolerance.

4.2 Product packaging may vary. The packaging of the product may vary from that shown in images on our website.

4.3 Making sure your measurements are accurate. If we are making the product to measurements you have given us you are responsible for ensuring that these measurements are correct. You can find information and tips on how to measure on our website or by contacting us.

5. Your rights to make changes

If you wish to make a change to the product you have ordered please contact us. We will let you know if the change is possible. If it is possible we will let you know about any changes to the price of the product, the timing of supply or anything else which would be necessary as a result of your requested change and ask you to confirm whether you wish to go ahead with the change. If we cannot make the change or the consequences of making the change are unacceptable to you, you may want to end the contract (see clause 8– Your rights to end the contract).

6. Our rights to make changes

6.1 Minor changes to the products. We may change the product:

- (a) to reflect changes in relevant laws and regulatory requirements if we cannot source the products ordered within relevant timescales, the design of the products change or if such changes impact on the price of the product; and
- (b) to implement minor technical adjustments and improvements.

6.2 More significant changes to the products and these terms. In addition, as we informed you in the description of the product on our website, we may make changes to these terms or the product, but if we do so we will notify you and you may then contact us to end the contract before the changes take effect and receive a refund for any products paid for but not received, unless the product is specially commissioned by us on your behalf, in which case you will not be entitled to a refund unless the artist or manufacturer whom we have commissioned agrees.

7. Providing the products

7.1 Delivery costs. The costs of delivery will be as displayed to you on our website.

7.2 When we will provide the products. During the order process we will let you know when we will provide the products to you:

- (a) If the products are goods.** If the products are goods we will deliver them to you as soon as reasonably possible we will contact you with an estimated delivery date or to agree a delivery date.
- (b) If the products are one-off services.** We will begin the services on the date agreed with you during the order process. The estimated completion date for the services is as told to you during the order process although this is an estimated completion date only.
- (c) If the product is commissioned by us on your behalf.** We will discuss the commission with the manufacturer/artist and advise you of their estimated date of completion of the product.
- (d) If the products are ongoing services to receive goods.** We will supply the services or goods to you until the services are completed or you end the contract as described in clause 8 or we end the contract by written notice to you as described in clause 10.

7.3 We are not responsible for delays outside our control. If our supply of the products is delayed by an event outside our control then we will contact you as soon as possible to let you know and we will take steps to minimise the effect of the delay. Provided we do this we will not be liable for delays caused by the event, but if there is a risk of substantial delay you may contact us to end the contract and receive a refund for any products you have paid for but not received, unless the product is specially commissioned by us on your behalf, in which case you will not be entitled to a refund unless the artist or manufacturer whom we have commissioned agrees.

7.4 Collection by you. If you have asked to collect the products from our premises, you can collect them from us at times mutually agreed between us.

- 7.5 If you are not at home when the product is delivered.** If no one is available at your address to take delivery and the products cannot be posted through your letterbox, we will leave you a note informing you of how to rearrange delivery or collect the products from a local depot.
- 7.6 If you do not re-arrange delivery.** If you do not collect the products from us as arranged or if, after a failed delivery to you, you do not re-arrange delivery or collect them from a delivery depot we will contact you for further instructions and may charge you for storage costs and any further delivery costs. If, despite our reasonable efforts, we are unable to contact you or re-arrange delivery or collection we may end the contract and clause 10.2 will apply.
- 7.7 If you do not allow us access to provide services.** If you do not allow us access to your property to perform the services as arranged (and you do not have a good reason for this) we may charge you additional costs incurred by us as a result. If, despite our reasonable efforts, we are unable to contact you or re-arrange access to your property we may end the contract and clause 10.2 will apply.
- 7.8 Your legal rights if we deliver goods late.** You have legal rights if we deliver any goods late. If we miss the delivery deadline for any goods then you may treat the contract as at an end straight away if any of the following apply:
- (a) we have refused to deliver the goods;
 - (b) delivery within the delivery deadline was essential (taking into account all the relevant circumstances); or
 - (c) you told us before we accepted your order that delivery within the delivery deadline was essential and we agreed to deliver by the delivery deadline.
- 7.9 Setting a new deadline for delivery.** If you do not wish to treat the contract as at an end straight away, or do not have the right to do so under clause 7.8, you can give us a new deadline for delivery, which must be reasonable, and you can treat the contract as at an end if we do not meet the new deadline.
- 7.10 Ending the contract for late delivery.** If you do choose to treat the contract as at an end for late delivery under clause 7.8 or clause 7.9, you can cancel your order for any of the goods or reject goods that have been delivered. If you wish, you can reject or cancel the order for some of those goods (not all of them), unless splitting them up would significantly reduce their value. After that we will refund any sums you have paid to us for the cancelled goods and their delivery. If the goods have been delivered to you, you must either return them in person to where you bought them, post them back to us or (if they are not suitable for posting) allow us to collect them from you. We will pay the costs of postage or collection. Please call us on 01355 510 464 or email us at

neil@houletstudio.co.uk/lorna@houletstudio.co.uk to obtain a return label or to arrange collection.

- 7.11 When you become responsible for the goods.** A product which is goods will be your responsibility from the time we deliver the product to the address you gave us or you or a carrier organised by you collects it from us.
- 7.12 When you own goods.** You own a product which is goods once we have received payment in full.
- 7.13 What will happen if you do not give required information to us.** We may need certain information from you so that we can supply the products to you. If so, this will have been stated in the description of the products on our website. We will contact you to ask for this information. If you do not give us this information within a reasonable time of us asking for it, or if you give us incomplete or incorrect information, we may either end the contract (and clause 10.2 will apply) or make an additional charge of a reasonable sum to compensate us for any extra work that is required as a result. We will not be responsible for supplying the products late or not supplying any part of them if this is caused by you not giving us the information we need within a reasonable time of us asking for it.
- 7.14 Reasons we may suspend the supply of products to you.** We may have to suspend the supply of a product to:
- (a) deal with technical problems or make minor technical changes;
 - (b) update the product to reflect changes in relevant laws and regulatory requirements; or
 - (c) make changes to the product as requested by you (and agreed by us) or notified by us to you (see clause 6).
- 7.15 Your rights if we suspend the supply of products.** We will contact you in advance to tell you we will be suspending supply of the product, unless the problem is urgent or an emergency. We will refund any sums you have paid in advance for the product in respect of the suspension applies.
- 7.16 We may also suspend supply of the products if you do not pay.** If you do not pay us for the products when you are supposed to (see clause 12.4) and you still do not make payment within 7 days of us reminding you that payment is due, we may suspend supply of the products until you have paid us the outstanding amounts. We will contact you to tell you we are suspending supply of the products. We will not suspend the products where you dispute the unpaid invoice (see clause 12.6). We will not charge you for the products during the period for which they are suspended. As well as suspending

the products we can also charge you interest on your overdue payments (see clause 12.5).

8. Your rights to end the contract

8.1 You can always end your contract with us. Your rights when you end the contract will depend on what you have bought, whether there is anything wrong with it, whether it the goods or product are specially commissioned by us on your behalf, how we are performing and when you decide to end the contract:

- (a) **If what you have bought is faulty or misdescribed you may have a legal right to end the contract** (or to get the product repaired or replaced or a service re-performed or to get some or all of your money back), see clause 11;
- (b) **If you want to end the contract because of something we have done or have told you we are going to do**, see clause 8.2;
- (c) **If you have just changed your mind about the product**, see clause 8.3. You may be able to get a refund if you are within the cooling-off period, but this may be subject to deductions and you will have to pay the costs of return of any goods;
- (d) **In all other cases (if we are not at fault and there is no right to change your mind)**, see [clause 8.7 OR Error! Bookmark not defined.8.8].

8.2 Ending the contract because of something we have done or are going to do. If you are ending a contract for a reason set out at (a) to (e) below the contract will end immediately and we will refund you in full for any products which have not been provided and you may also be entitled to compensation. The reasons are:

- (a) we have told you about an upcoming change to the product or these terms which you do not agree to (see clause 6.2);
- (b) we have told you about an error in the price or description of the product you have ordered and you do not wish to proceed;
- (c) there is a risk that supply of the products may be significantly delayed because of events outside our control;
- (d) we have suspended supply of the products for technical reasons, or notify you we are going to suspend them for technical reasons; or
- (e) you have a legal right to end the contract because of something we have done wrong (including because we have delivered late (see clause 7.8).

8.3 Exercising your right to change your mind (Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013). For most products bought online you have a legal right to change your mind within 14 days and receive a refund. These rights, under the Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013, are explained in more detail in these terms.

8.4 When you don't have the right to change your mind. You do not have a right to change your mind in respect of:

- (a) Products or goods specially commissioned by us on your behalf (unless the artist/supplier/manufacture agrees in writing);
- (b) services, once these have been completed, even if the cancellation period is still running;
- (c) products sealed for health protection or hygiene purposes, once these have been unsealed after you receive them; and
- (d) any products which become mixed inseparably with other items after their delivery.

8.5 How long do I have to change my mind? How long you have depends on what you have ordered and how it is delivered.

- (a) **Have you bought services (for example, home interior design)?** If so, you have 7 days after the day we email you to confirm we accept your order. However, once we have completed the services you cannot change your mind, even if the period is still running. If you cancel after we have started the services, you must pay us for the services provided up until the time you tell us that you have changed your mind.
- (b) **Have you bought goods (for example, vases or other home interior décor items (excluding any commissioned work))?** If so you have 7 days after the day you (or someone you nominate) receives the goods, **unless**:
 - (i) **Your goods are split into several deliveries over different days.** In this case you have until 7 days after the day you (or someone you nominate) receives the last delivery to change your mind about the goods.

8.6 Ending the contract where we are not at fault and there is no right to change your mind. Even if we are not at fault and you do not have a right to change your mind (see clause 8.1), you can still end the contract before it is completed, but you may have to pay us compensation. A contract for goods is completed when the product is delivered and paid for. A contract for services is completed when we have finished providing the services and you have paid for them. If you want to end a contract before it is completed where we are not at fault and you have not changed your mind, just contact us to let us know. The contract will end immediately and we will refund any sums paid by you for products not provided but we may deduct from that refund (or, if you have not made an advance payment, charge you) a percentage of the price calculated as per [TABLE] depending on the date on which you end the contract, as compensation for the net costs we will incur as a result of your doing so.]

9. How to end the contract with us (including if you have changed your mind)

9.1 Tell us you want to end the contract. To end the contract with us, please let us know by doing one of the following:

- (a) **Email.** Email us at neil@houletstudio.co.uk/lorna@houletstudio.co.uk. Please provide your name, home address, details of the order and, where available, your phone number and email address.
- (b) **By post.** Write to us at the address, noted at clause 2.2, including details of what you bought, when you ordered or received it and your name and address.

9.2 Returning products after ending the contract. If you end the contract for any reason after products have been dispatched to you or you have received them, you must return them to us. You must either return the goods in person (as agreed with us), post them back to us at 29 Eglinton Walk, Eaglesham G76 0LB or (if they are not suitable for posting) allow us to collect them from you. Please email us at neil@houletstudio.co.uk/lorna@houletstudio.co.uk for a return label or to arrange collection. If you are exercising your right to change your mind you must send off the goods within 14 days of telling us you wish to end the contract.

9.3 When we will pay the costs of return. We will pay the costs of return:

- (a) if the products are faulty or misdescribed; or
- (b) if you are ending the contract because we have told you of an upcoming change to the product or these terms, an error in pricing or description, a delay in delivery due to events outside our control or because you have a legal right to do so as a result of something we have done wrong.

In all other circumstances (including where you are exercising your right to change your mind, where permitted by these terms and conditions) you must pay the costs of return.

9.4 What we charge for collection. If you are responsible for the costs of return and we are collecting the product from you, we will charge you the direct cost to us of collection. We will advise you of these costs in advance of collection.

9.5 How we will refund you. We will refund you the price you paid for the products including delivery costs (if applicable), by the method you used for payment. However, we may make deductions from the price, as described below.

9.6 Deductions from refunds if you are exercising your right to change your mind. If you are exercising your right to change your mind:

- (a) We may reduce your refund of the price (excluding delivery costs) to reflect any reduction in the value of the goods, if this has been caused by your handling them in a way which would not be permitted in a shop. [See our [Returns page [INSERT HYPERLINK](#)] for information about what handling is acceptable and examples]. If we refund you the price paid before we are able to inspect the goods and later discover you have handled them in an unacceptable way, you must pay us an appropriate amount.
- (b) The maximum refund for delivery costs will be the costs of delivery by the least expensive delivery method we offer. For example, if we offer delivery of a product within 3–5 days at one cost but you choose to have the product delivered within 24 hours at a higher cost, then we will only refund what you would have paid for the cheaper delivery option.
- (c) Where the product is a service, we may deduct from any refund an amount for the supply of the service for the period for which it was supplied, ending with the time when you told us you had changed your mind. The amount will be in proportion to what has been supplied, in comparison with the full coverage of the contract.

9.7 When your refund will be made. We will make any refunds due to you as soon as possible. If you are exercising your right to change your mind then:

- (a) If the products are goods and we have not offered to collect them, your refund will be made within 14 days from the day on which we receive the product back from you or, if earlier, the day on which you provide us with evidence that you have sent the product back to us. For information about how to return a product to us, see clause 9.2.
- (b) In all other cases, your refund will be made within 14 days of your telling us you have changed your mind

10. Our rights to end the contract

10.1 We may end the contract if you break it. We may end the contract for a product at any time by writing to you if:

- (a) you do not make any payment to us when it is due and you still do not make payment within 7 days of us reminding you that payment is due;
- (b) you do not, within a reasonable time of us asking for it, provide us with information that is necessary for us to provide the products, for example, delivery address;
- (c) you do not, within a reasonable time, allow us to deliver the products to you or collect them from us; or

- (d) you do not, within a reasonable time, allow us access to your premises to supply the services.

10.2 You must compensate us if you break the contract. If we end the contract in the situations set out in clause 10.1 we will refund any money you have paid in advance for products we have not provided but we may deduct or charge you £10 as reasonable compensation for the net costs we will incur as a result of your breaking the contract.

10.3 We may withdraw the product. We may write to you to let you know that we are going to stop providing the product. We will let you know at least 7 days in advance of our stopping the supply of the product, unless circumstances outside our control preclude us from giving such notice, and will refund any sums you have paid in advance for products which will not be provided.

11. If there is a problem with the product

11.1 How to tell us about problems. If you have any questions or complaints about the product, please contact us. You can telephone or write to us.

11.2 Summary of your legal rights. We are under a legal duty to supply products that are in conformity with this contract. See the box below for a summary of your key legal rights in relation to the product. Nothing in these terms will affect your legal rights.

Summary of your key legal rights

This is a summary of your key legal rights. These are subject to certain exceptions. For detailed information please visit the Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk or call 03454 04 05 06.

If your product is **goods**, for example furniture, the Consumer Rights Act 2015 says goods must be as described, fit for purpose and of satisfactory quality. During the expected lifespan of your product your legal rights entitle you to the following:

- a) Up to 30 days: if your goods are faulty, then you can get an immediate refund.
- b) Up to six months: if your goods can't be repaired or replaced, then you're entitled to a full refund, in most cases.
- c) Up to six years: if your goods do not last a reasonable length of time you may be entitled to some money back.

See also clause 8.3.

If your product is **services**, for example home interior design, the Consumer Rights Act 2015 says:

- a) You can ask us to repeat or fix a service if it's not carried out with reasonable care and skill,

or get some money back if we can't fix it.

b) If you haven't agreed a price beforehand, what you're asked to pay must be reasonable.

c) If you haven't agreed a time beforehand, it must be carried out within a reasonable time.

See also Exercising your right to change your mind (Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013).

11.3 Your obligation to return rejected products. If you wish to exercise your legal rights to reject products you must either return them in person to where you bought them, post them back to us or (if they are not suitable for posting) allow us to collect them from you. We will pay the costs of postage or collection. Please call or email us for a return label or to arrange collection.

12. Price and payment

12.1 Where to find the price for the product. The price of the product (which includes VAT) will be the price indicated on the order pages when you placed your order. We use our best efforts to ensure that the price of the product advised to you is correct. However please see clause 12.3 for what happens if we discover an error in the price of the product you order.

12.2 We will pass on changes in the rate of VAT. If the rate of VAT changes between your order date and the date we supply the product, we will adjust the rate of VAT that you pay, unless you have already paid for the product in full before the change in the rate of VAT takes effect.

12.3 What happens if we got the price wrong. It is always possible that, despite our best efforts, some of the products we sell may be incorrectly priced. We will normally check prices before accepting your order so that, where the product's correct price at your order date is less than our stated price at your order date, we will charge the lower amount. If the product's correct price at your order date is higher than the price stated to you, we will contact you for your instructions before we accept your order. If we accept and process your order where a pricing error is obvious and unmistakable and could reasonably have been recognised by you as a mispricing, we may end the contract, refund you any sums you have paid and require the return of any goods provided to you.

12.4 When you must pay and how you must pay. We accept payment with most major debit and credit cards. When you must pay depends on what product you are buying:

- (a) For **goods**, you must pay for the products before we dispatch them. We will not charge your credit or debit card until we dispatch the products to you.
- (b) For **services**:

- (i) for architectural services we may ask you to pay for an initial consultation fee, to be agreed prior to the initial consultation. Thereafter we will provide you with a quote for the services broken down into the various stages. On your acceptance of the quote we will send you an appointment document for signature, which will set out payment details. On signature of the appointment document you will be deemed to have accepted payment and other terms set out therein; and
- (ii) For interior design services our pricing can be found here <https://www.houletstudio.co.uk/interior-design#/pricing/>

12.5 We can charge interest if you pay late. If you do not make any payment to us by the due date we may charge interest to you on the overdue amount at the rate of 1.5% a year above the base lending rate of Royal Bank of Scotland plc from time to time. This interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until the date of actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after judgment. You must pay us interest together with any overdue amount.

12.6 What to do if you think an invoice is wrong. If you think an invoice is wrong please contact us promptly to let us know. You will not have to pay any interest until the dispute is resolved. Once the dispute is resolved we will charge you interest on correctly invoiced sums from the original due date.

13. Our responsibility for loss or damage suffered by you

13.1 We are responsible to you for foreseeable loss and damage caused by us. If we fail to comply with these terms, we are responsible for loss or damage you suffer that is a foreseeable result of our breaking this contract or our failing to use reasonable care and skill, but we are not responsible for any loss or damage that is not foreseeable. Loss or damage is foreseeable if either it is obvious that it will happen or if, at the time the contract was made, both we and you knew it might happen, for example, if you discussed it with us during the sales process.

13.2 We do not exclude or limit in any way our liability to you where it would be unlawful to do so. This includes liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or the negligence of our employees, agents or subcontractors; for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; for breach of your legal rights in relation to the products including the right to receive products which are: as described and match information we provided to you and any sample or model seen or examined by you; of satisfactory quality; fit for any particular purpose made known to us; supplied with reasonable skill and care and, where installed by us, correctly installed; and for defective products under the Consumer Protection Act 1987

- 13.3 When we are liable for damage to your property.** If we are providing services in your property, we will make good any damage to your property caused by us while doing so. However, we are not responsible for the cost of repairing any pre-existing faults or damage to your property that we discover while providing the services.
- 13.4 We are not liable for business losses.** We only supply the products for domestic and private use. If you use the products for any commercial, business or re-sale purpose we will have no liability to you for any loss of profit, loss of business, business interruption, or loss of business opportunity.
- 14. How we may use your personal information**
- 14.1 How we may use your personal information.** We will only use your personal information as set out in our [\[LINK TO PRIVACY POLICY\]](#).
- 15. Other important terms**
- 15.1 We may transfer this agreement to someone else.** We may transfer our rights and obligations under these terms to another organisation. We will contact you to let you know if we plan to do this. If you are unhappy with the transfer you may contact us to end the contract within 5 business days of us telling you about it and we will refund you any payments you have made in advance for products not provided.
- 15.2 You need our consent to transfer your rights to someone else (except that you can always transfer our guarantee).** You may only transfer your rights or your obligations under these terms to another person if we agree to this in writing. However, you may transfer our guarantee at **Error! Bookmark not defined.**8.4 to a person who has acquired the product or, where the product is services, any item or property in respect of which we have provided the services. We may require the person to whom the guarantee is transferred to provide reasonable evidence that they are now the owner of the relevant item or property.
- 15.3 Nobody else has any rights under this contract (except someone you pass your guarantee on to).** This contract is between you and us. No other person shall have any rights to enforce any of its terms, except as explained in clause 15.2 in respect of our guarantee. Neither of us will need to get the agreement of any other person in order to end the contract or make any changes to these terms.
- 15.4 If a court finds part of this contract illegal, the rest will continue in force.** Each of the paragraphs of these terms operates separately. If any court or relevant authority decides that any of them are unlawful, the remaining paragraphs will remain in full force and effect.

15.5 Even if we delay in enforcing this contract, we can still enforce it later. If we do not insist immediately that you do anything you are required to do under these terms, or if we delay in taking steps against you in respect of your breaking this contract, that will not mean that you do not have to do those things and it will not prevent us taking steps against you at a later date. For example, if you miss a payment and we do not chase you but we continue to provide the products, we can still require you to make the payment at a later date.

15.6 Which laws apply to this contract and where you may bring legal proceedings. These terms are governed by Scots law and you can bring legal proceedings in respect of the products or services in the Scottish courts. If you live in England or Wales you can bring legal proceedings in respect of the products or services in either the Scottish or English courts. If you live in Northern Ireland you can bring legal proceedings in respect of the products or services in either the Northern Irish or the English courts.