EASY ME 01

"What I love about rugs is that they're functional works of art"

match fit

As the owner and head creative behind **Rug Star,** Jürgen Dahlmanns chases collaborations far from his Berlin studio—in this case, some 5,000 miles. While working with Portland, Oregon, flooring retailer Christiane Millinger, Dahlmanns met Howells Architecture + Design principal Michael Howells. Their mutual appreciation of modern art sparked a dialogue that culminates in Color Is Our DNA, a series based on the architect's original abstract artwork. Hand-knotted in silk and wool by Rajasthani artisans, the nine varieties include Easy Me 01 and 02, their custom-sized grounds overlapped with painterly swaths of color. Howells ultimately traveled to India, where the finished rugs were donned in the manufacturer's customary robing ceremony that celebrates the completion. ***rugstar.com***

JÜRGEN DAHLMANNS AND MICHAEL HOWELLS

EASY ME 02