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Art & Forge Launches Epworth Collection of Natural Stone Knobs

The Epworth collection features five different natural stones sourced in Rajasthan, India.

September 15, 2026; Norfolk, VA— Handcrafted hardware company Art & Forge debuts the Epworth collection of stone knobs, made from solid natural marble and travertine sourced in the Rajasthan state of India.

The simple yet colorful collection marks a new material introduction for Art & Forge, primarily known for its solid brass and bronze hardware offerings. The Epworth knobs are offered in two sizes, 1.25" diameter and 1.5" diameter. Chosen for its natural beauty and durability, the Epworth collection represents the stunning natural materials India has to offer. The stone knob offering is as follows:

Udaipur Green - Cut from marble drawn from the Aravalli range in Rajasthan, Udaipur Green is a material that has supplied India's royal interiors for generations. Each knob wears a deep green shot through with unpredictable veins of charcoal and umber, reflecting serpentine and chlorite residue settling into stone. Because the pattern shifts from one section of the quarry to the next, no two knobs will ever match, and that is precisely the point.

Makrana Pink - Drawn from the famous Makrana belt of Rajasthan, the oldest marble quarries in India, Makrana Pink is the source of the very stone that built the Taj Mahal. It carries the same dense calcite purity and polish, blushing across its surface in soft rose rather than cold white. Its color comes not from dye or treatment but from the earth itself.

Raj White - Quarried from the Rajsamand district of southern Rajasthan, this compact white marble was long revered as Dev-Patthar, or "God's Stone." For centuries, it was reserved for the sacred and the monumental, including Udaipur's City Palace and the Taj Lake Palace. Prized for its exceptional density, strength, and resistance to weathering, it has held its color and detail across five hundred years without fading.

Jaipur Black - Quarried in the Jaipur region of Rajasthan, this rare marble carries a deep, saturated ebony base drawn across with soft, curved veins of grey and white, creating a natural movement that reads less like pattern and more like weather across a night sky. Long valued for its dramatic depth and durability, its density pulls light into the stone rather than reflecting it.

Travertine - Formed over millennia, travertine carries a soft, porous texture in a palette of ivory, cream, and honeyed walnut that no manufactured surface can convincingly imitate. Its natural voids and channels give each piece a quiet directionality, representative of how it was formed, ensuring no two knobs are ever quite alike.

"Introducing the Epworth stone collection is particularly unique as all of the marble and travertine are sourced from the Rajasthan region of India, known for its beautiful temples, the Thar Desert, and rich tradition of stone craftsmanship," says Art & Forge co-founder Cynthia Malhotra. "It was important for us to be intentional about adding a new material and color in a meaningful way, one that feels authentic to our

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company's heritage, background, and family values, while ensuring usefulness and exceptional design quality for our clientele."

The Epworth collection launches online on September 15 and will debut in person at High Point Market in October 2026. The knobs range in price from \$45.95 to \$54.95. Art & Forge offers a trade program for interior design and custom home-building clients. Driven by a belief in intentional living and the transformative power of well-designed spaces, co-founders Cynthia and Rishap Malhotra work with a close-knit network of artisans in India while based in Norfolk, Virginia. For more information, please visit www.ArtandForge.com.

About Art & Forge:

Art & Forge is a handcrafted hardware company that provides exceptional, bespoke home décor and architectural products utilizing the finest materials and skilled craftsmanship available. Serving design-conscious individuals, interior designers, and luxury home builders, Art & Forge is headquartered in Norfolk, VA, and is proudly made in India, honoring the country's tradition of exceptional metal craftsmanship and the brand's commitment to quality. Art & Forge is dedicated to sustainable and ethical production while continuously pushing the boundaries of design and innovation. Its products inspire customers to create beautiful and functional living spaces that break free of standard, mass-produced designs, reflect individual personalities, and enhance their daily lives. For more information, visit www.ArtandForge.com.

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