

## FEATURE STORY

WOVEN by Shaolin **A Niche for Design**

► **Shaolin Low is the third generation of a family in the local interior design and construction industries**

where, as a youngster, she played at construction sites, painted walls and helped decorate homes. After college on the US Mainland, she embarked on a career path that eventually would bring her back to Hawai'i.

In her early 20s Shaolin gained experience producing large-scale events that included art festivals, brand launches, and concerts. At age 25 she launched her own business as a freelance event producer working with clients in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York City, including Fashion Week events and Oprah's first "The Life You Want" tour.

"I cut my teeth on those big clients," Shaolin recalls. "I ran the budgets, ran the teams, sourced and managed vendors, and immersed myself in a variety of design styles and aesthetics."

That experience prepared her for the next phase of her career: interior design. An entrepreneur by nature, and encouraged by her mother, Shaolin returned to Hawai'i in 2016 to take over the home staging part of her mother's design business. Then, in late 2020, she opened Studio Shaolin, specializing in interiors for residential and commercial clients. In between, she welcomed twin daughters.

Her newest venture, WOVEN by Shaolin, merges her design business with a furniture and home décor shop – a bright, inviting space that opened on Hekili Street in July. Here you'll find quality furniture with custom upholstery options; artwork by local women artists; and a wide selection of home décor items and gifts, including a keiki section – all personally curated by Shaolin.

"I created WOVEN to make our interior design resources accessible to everyone, in a boutique-style concept," Shaolin explains. "We bring in small-batch and unique pieces from our vendors around the globe, so the inventory is always changing. Our entire design team is in-store to help with customers' projects, from window treatments to renovations. We also offer a Mini Design service, providing a small-design experience for those who just need help with a room or two, and filling a niche in the local design industry."

"I think we fit so well into the Kailua aesthetic," she adds, "especially Hekili Street where there are so many local makers and other small businesses."

**WOVEN by Shaolin**

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Hours: open daily 10 am – 6pm