

# TAKING SHAPE: THE AKARI LIGHT SCULPTURES OF ISAMU NOGUCHI



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## ISAMU NOGUCHI

### Akari light sculpture, model 43L

Ozeki & Co., Ltd. | Japan, designed 1954 | washi paper, bamboo, enameled cast iron  
75 h x 21 dia in (190 x 53 cm)

This floor lamp was marketed by Bonniers as the 43L; the lamp is comprised of a 19A shade, later known as the 55A, and a 60-inch single stem bamboo base, later known as the BB3.

Stamped 'Sun and Moon' ideogram and 'Japan' to shade. Cast manufacturer's mark to underside of base 'Made in Japan'. Sold with original packaging.

**Literature:** *Akari Lamps*, Bonniers accordion catalog brochure, The Noguchi Museum Archives, MS\_AKA\_008\_015 *NEW AKARI Light Sculpture*, 1977 dimension and assembly brochure, The Noguchi Museum Archives, MS\_AKA\_008\_020 *Isamu Noguchi "Akari"*, Craft and Design Museum, Gifu exhibition catalog, unpaginated *Design: Isamu Noguchi and Isamu Kenmochi*, Rychlak, Mori, Murayama, and Matsumoto, pg. 100

**Estimate:** \$4,000–6,000

**Result:** \$11,970

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