

TAKING SHAPE: THE AKARI LIGHT SCULPTURES OF ISAMU NOGUCHI



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ISAMU NOGUCHI

Akari light sculptures, group of five

Ozeki & Co., Ltd. | Japan, designed 1954-1964 | washi paper, bamboo

largest: 20 h × 21 dia in (51 × 53 cm)

smallest: 11 h × 11 dia in (28 × 28 cm)

Lot is comprised of five light sculptures, models 19A, 20A, 20D and two 30D. Stamped 'Sun and Moon' ideogram to shade of each example. Stamped 'Japan' to two examples.

Literature: *NEW AKARI Light Sculpture*, 1977 dimension and assembly brochure, The Noguchi Museum Archives, MS_AKA_008_020 *New Akari Light Sculpture*, brochure for Bloomingdale's, The Isamu Noguchi Museum Archive, MS_COR_288_021 *Isamu Noguchi "Akari"*, Craft and Design Museum, Gifu exhibition catalog, unpaginated *Design: Isamu Noguchi and Isamu Kenmochi*, Rychlak, Mori, Murayama, and Matsumoto, ppg. 99-101

Estimate: \$10,000–15,000

Result: \$12,900

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