

# ESSENTIAL DESIGN



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## ISAMU NOGUCHI

### Akari light sculpture, model 41S

Ozeki & Co., Ltd. | USA/Japan, designed 1956 | washi paper, bamboo, enameled cast iron  
22½ h × 12 dia in (57 × 30 cm)

The present model was marketed in early Bonniers publications as the 41S; the shade model would become known as the 30A and the bamboo base was later known as the BB1.

Stamped 'Sun and Moon' ideogram and 'Japan' to shade with signature 'I. Noguchi'. Decal distributor label to underside of base 'Kovacs'.

**Literature:** *NEW AKARI Light Sculpture*, 1977 dimension and assembly brochure, The Noguchi Museum Archives, MS\_AKA\_008\_020 *Design: Isamu Noguchi and Isamu Kenmochi*, Rychlak, Mori, Murayama, and Matsumoto, pg. 100

**Estimate:** \$3,000–5,000

**Result:** \$3,276

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