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Hella Jongerius

Jonsberg Vase, 2005

Ivory vase in feldspar porcelain. PS Jonsberg *Europe* with perforated needlework design.
Executed by Ikea.

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13 3/8"H x 11 3/4"Dia

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Hella Jongerius's Jonsberg Vase for IKEA is a perfect example of the fusion of nostalgia and the avant-garde through the use of embroidery in contemporary design. The vase itself has a clean-lined, classic shape that would be fitting in a minimalist modern setting without any embellishment. Jongerius, however, is known for reinterpreting normative conventions of craft to produce new hybrids that are imbued with warmth, nostalgia, and fun. Here her figurative floral pattern is pierced into the vase in a manner reminiscent of needlepoint. The merging of these two apparently incongruent traditions renders the vase—because of the ornamental perforations—anything but functional.