

Commissioning an Art Quilt

I love to create commissions and giving life to someone's needs and visions. A specialty of mine is interpreting others' dreams onto fabric. I've found that the pieces that have turned out the best were those where the buyer did not try too much to control the actual image, but allow me to create something special for them. It would help if before contacting me, you've looked over my portfolio and you're able say what you did or didn't like about specific pieces. I have no problem working within a budget, size constrictions, or color choices as I know that the work must be able to fit in your environment..

Price is determined by the complexity of the piece and degree of hand sewing. All of the pieces in my portfolio have prices on them, but many of my less expensive pieces haven't been photographed. With appliqué and quilting done on a sewing machine and minimal beading and buttons, the look and feel of my work can still be quite affordable.

After agreeing on a price, and color choices, I'll send you some fabric swatches and some beads I'm considering. After that's OK'd, and a 1/3 non-refundable deposit has been placed, I'll begin cutting out the fabric pieces and arranging the base of the composition. Some of the larger buttons and beads will be pinned in place, and then I'll send you photographs via email for you to approve. Once that phase has been completed, another non-refundable 1/3 of the cost is due. After receiving that amount, I begin finishing the piece. If it's a really complicated piece, I'll send you periodic updates of how the piece is progressing. The final non-refundable 1/3 of the cost of the piece is sent, clears my bank or PayPal, and then I ship it, invoicing you for the cost of shipping via UPS. Insuring the piece is most of the cost of shipping and will range from \$50-\$250 in the U.S.

The time needed to complete a piece varies depending on its complexity and size. To give you an example, a 3 cm (approximately 1" x 1") square of intensive beading takes about one hour to complete. I'd plan on about 4 months to a year from start to finish for a piece to be completed.

Let's talk and see how we can work together. I'd love to give form to your vision.

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