

Patti Durbin

The name of my company is E.Y.A.Y.A. which stands for Embrace Yourself As You Are. I approach art from an organic perspective, creating many of my original pieces in a mixed media format incorporating fabric and other recycled materials. Much of the art emerges naturally through when I interact with the range of materials I work with versus starting with a fixed preconceived idea.

My images are diverse, just as we are, and I believe they express the joy and uniqueness found in embracing yourself as you are. Weaving positive messages of diversity and self-empowerment in my creations is a central goal of my artistic practice. I believe that art has the power to shape and enrich our lives and I strive to create art in my own studio practice that aligns with these themes that are so important to me personally. I love it when my art can help provide a daily reminder for my collectors of the joy of expressing their true selves.

An assortment of my original mixed media pieces are available for sale, as well as photographic prints of my mixed media works. Other formats are available to suit a wide range of tastes including collages, matted and framed prints, note cards, mugs, pillows, t-shirts and ornaments.

I also make hand sewn baskets from fabric and upcycled clothing. My basket designs are available ready-made and I also offer a commission option of a custom basket made from clothing that has special meaning. Clients can provide me with a shirt or scarf they no longer wear or an article of clothing from a loved one, and I can make them into baskets that are beautiful and functional.

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