



I am a British Artist and Designer that grew up on the South Coast of England. After Art School I received a degree in Fashion Design. While working for the creative fashion company Ted Baker as a Technical Designer, I realized I had a need to create for myself. So, in my spare time, I would create fun contemporary art pieces inspired by my childhood memories. In 1999 I had an exhibition within my own home for fun and invited family and friends. Within a few years I did over twenty pop up art shows around London. I showed my art in small gallery spaces, trendy bars and restaurants.

In 2005 I moved to California and was able to work on my art fulltime. I had my first group art show in Palm Springs in 2008 at Janssen Art Space. Then in 2010 my husband had a job opportunity in Canada. Leaving my art behind in Palm Springs was very difficult. To continue to be creative I started manipulating photos of my original artwork with Photoshop. I discovered I enjoyed making prints using my art as a starting point. I started to use print on demand companies for fun. Other companies then reached out to me and so I started licensing my prints on a wide variety of products for companies including phone cases for Casetify, an Italian wallpaper company and others.

After winning two print competitions with the company Printed Village, I was invited to go to New York. This was to film an episode of The Profit with Marcus Lemonis with my famous geometric print that one of his companies wanted as a swimsuit. The following year I won the Threadless Accelerator Award, and I was given money to help me boost my art business. My recent win was being picked to design a print for Bounty paper towel. So, you can now see my letter artwork on paper towel.

Locally you can see two of my Public Art Projects, a bench that is outside Trina Turk and two electric boxes that are on the corner across from The Saguaro hotel.

Statement about the project

I submit two designs that look similar. One is straight the other is at a 45-degree angle. The words I have chosen are fun, joy, happy, happiness, play and playtime. If there are any other words you would like me to add, that might be fun. I will be making a custom stencil and paint the bench like the boxes I painted that are near the hotel Saguaro in Palm Springs and the bench that I painted that is near.

If you are looking for a collection of benches I propose different collection of fun happy words. The benches would look similar, but the words would make each bench different.

For more information about me and my art practice head to my website
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