



An Artist Newsletter

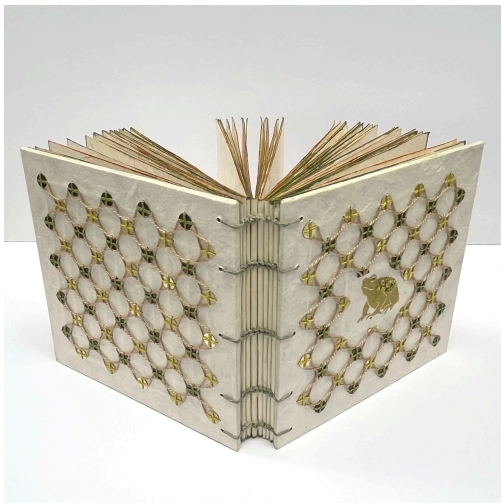
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I've **never** had a product that I have made get quite as popular as these animal applique glasses cases! I am having so much FUN! I started making these as gifts for a couple of friends and then on a whim decided to do a set to take to some of my winter shows. My "rule" for myself was that they needed to be unusual and quirky animals (no dogs and cats). My social media friends have suggested great animals to add to the collection and I love seeing what animals people choose and the story about why. I've been [photographing all of them](#) as I make them so now I have an amazing collection of animal illustrations. Maybe I'll have to make a book? Or a set of

postcards? I am really thankful to that little voice in my head that said "Make MORE!" I have just a few left if you catch me this weekend and I am (fingers crossed) hoping to have more by the December 7 show I am doing at Flux Arts. What animal would you like to see?! -- Becca

what's new?



My piece "*Go Find a Frog*" is in the Members exhibition at White Bear Center for the Arts. The show opened this week and will be there through January. You can see [more photos and read about it on my blog.](#)



I'll be at the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes with Maple Grove Center for the Arts on Small Business Saturday (November 30) from 11-5. We're in an empty store front across from H&M. Great show!



I'll also be at a brand new event called Flux Frost Fest on December 7. My last show of the year,

December 7th 11:00 to 7:00

Flux Arts Building

2505 Howard St. NE

Minneapolis MN

You're invited to Flux Frost Fest. Join us December 7, 11am-7pm for a holiday art show & sale bursting with handmade gifts by over 15 Artists, Craftspeople and Artisan Food Vendors. Throughout the building you'll find a festive array of clay ornaments, jewelry, art kits, tiles, glass ornaments, chocolate and coffee.

classes





The rest of my in-person classes for 2024 are full, so if you are looking for something fun to try, you can always find an on-demand class [on my website](#) or [at Skillshare](#).

At Skillshare, I just published the third in my advanced embroidery series of the Buttonhole Cable Chain stitch, which makes a really fancy looking border.

on the studio table





I can't tell you what I am using these for because they are holiday crafts/gifts, but these are the notions on the table this month:

- Notions: [Cotton pipe cleaners](#). These are so much sturdier and nicer to work with than the polyester ones from the craft store and they are easily dyeable.
- Floral wire: These [cloth covered wire stems from Benzie Designs](#) are exactly what I needed. They coordinate with the Citron colored felt really well.
- My favorite holiday tea is [Candy Cane Lane from Celestial Seasonings](#). Fun fact: We lived right across the street from Celestial when my husband was in grad school. The whole neighborhood smelled like lemon and mint.

get in the game



Pirate themed, with an element like mad libs, a little "choose-your-own-adventure" style storytelling and a web app for your phone that narrates as you go. It seems complicated until you start playing and then its just fun! Great for 4-6 players so it might be fun for a winter gathering with friends.

[Forgotten Waters by Plaid Hat Games.](#)



links you'll love

- This morning we had to take Stanley to the emergency vet clinic because he had an eye infection. Our regular vet was super busy, so they sent us to [Aurora Urgent Veterinary Clinic](#) in White Bear Lake. They couldn't have been nicer there and sent Stanley home with a stuffed teddy bear toy for being a good boy. Lovely people and they fixed him right up.
- It is soup weather this week! We made this [Italian Broccoli Soup](#) and were surprised at how simple and delicious it is. This is totally going in the regular rotation.
- I love this shade of green! Do you? "[Brat Green Is the Color Trend Everyone Loves To Hate](#)" is a fun read.
- Mittens are my favorite knitting project. I have this pattern bookmarked as my next pair because [I love the new-to-me way of shaping the](#)

[thumb.](#)

- The new craft trend all the cool kids are doing? [This article says it's needlepoint.](#)
- Maybe a little crazy, but gorgeous: [Costume Designer Repairs Broken Wing of Butterfly, Makes It Look Like It Was Never Injured](#)
- I love demos like this especially for beginners: [how to work with yarn in a skein](#)
- Loving this series from [Cynthia Frenette about "mean shit people say to artists and makers."](#) Her work is snarky and a little swearsy if that kind of thing bothers you.
- This made me laugh a lot: [Raccoons in Trench Coats in a Dumpster Gallery.](#)
- A Costume (and everything else review) of Wicked, [video by Samantha Rei \(former Project Runway designer\).](#)
- If you've taken one of my classes using [Repper.app](#), they have a GREAT Black Friday deal they shared with me. Use the code: BLACKFRIDAY for 50% off an annual plan.

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