

ArtStory

Pursuing quality of life.

Janet Fisher

Degree:

Bachelor of Art Education
University of Kansas

Teaches:

Watercolor
Clay
Encaustic Wax
Collage

No medium beyond her reach, Janet Fisher loves to learn new things. She loves the process of exploring an idea through multiple mediums. She loves to create and to think about how to combine mediums to achieve the vision in her mind. She loves coming up with different ways of doing her art. Often, she'll take a single idea and explore it in five different mediums.

"Picasso once said, 'I begin with an idea and then it becomes something else.' That's how it is with me. I create wonderful art in my mind," Janet said in an attempt to explain her creative process. She goes on to say that she rarely starts with an exact finished product in mind. Instead, she lets her art direct her. "I let the piece lead me to what works best for that piece."

Janet got her formal training in art from the University of Kansas. Originally planning to be a child psychologist, she quickly switched to art education after she discovered that child psychology was a six-year degree. That path-of-least-resistance philosophy has stayed with Janet and shows up in her artwork even today. "I like mediums that are easy to work with. Clay is my favorite because it is very forgiving and easily changed. I have no interest in mediums that require a lot of work and attention to detail such as weaving or needle point."

But don't let her philosophy deceive you -- Janet Fisher is a highly motivated artist. She works in watercolor, acrylic, clay, fused glass, jewelry, enameling, encaustic wax,



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collage, mixed media and print making -- and she even teaches classes in watercolor, clay, encaustic wax, and collage. She just likes to try new things and allow herself to make mistakes. "Art keeps my life exciting. I just want to do everything!" She is currently studying enameling and, when asked what she wants to do next, she replied, "I'd love to do some welding!"

It seems the more mediums Janet learns, the more she is inspired to learn something else. You can see Janet's art in local galleries throughout the year, but Janet prefers to sell her art from the gallery in her Wichita home. "I like meeting the people who are taking my 'babies' home."

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