

Carola VanDyke

East Sussex, UK

ABOUT

Dutch born artist Carola van Dyke studied Textile Design and Illustration and has worked as an illustrator and children's wear designer for many years until she changed direction toward the world of decorative arts and design. Today her textile studio is a thriving hub in a collective of artist studios in Hastings on the East Sussex coast.

She has a passion for textures, mismatches and contrasts of colours and layers. Her work is quirky, intricate, and with a sense of humour.

"Something needs to make you smile in order to connect with it", says van Dyke. The process of drawing with scissors started and these hand-cut pieces are mixed like a painter uses their palette. With these tactile pieces she has found a way in using textiles that look initially unpromising but in combination give new value.

Her first cushion customer was Mary Portas, buying for House of Fraser. When Carola introduced the textile taxidermy pieces, Liberty London approached her for a bespoke commission for full sized standing stags, using Liberty silk scarves.

Now Carola creates flamboyant cushions and Textile Taxidermy with an eclectic mix of vintage and modern fabrics. Exuberant & vibrant in style, using handpicked textiles, they are all individually handmade in Britain.

Carola also takes on more luxurious bespoke art projects, either for private residence, art institutions, design houses, hospitality interiors and luxury retailers.



Current collaborations:

- Liberty London
- Anthropologie
- ABC Carpet & Home (Cursive)
- Bergdorf Goodman NY
- Joseph Abboud