

Artist Profile

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Vasanto makes mostly felt hats and scarves. She also creates some wall hangings and is starting to make other felt clothing and handbags. She also creates hand dyed silk fabric, wool roving, and handspun wool yarn.



Artist Bio

Vasanto has been working with wool since she learned how to knit as a young child growing up on Long Island, New York. In the 1970s she learned how to spin and dye fiber and also did some weaving. She used to sell crocheted hats and scarves on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, California.

After living in India and then Oregon for about 7 years in a spiritual community, she worked briefly in Miami and then Gainesville, Florida doing various jobs before returning to her love of textiles.

She spent about 8 years making wearable clothing using a variety of dye techniques, including silk painting. In 1995 she learned to felt with Beth Beede and fell in love with it.

Since then, she has taken classes with Beth Beede, Chad Hagen, Polly Sterling and others. After spending about 10 years taking care of her parents, she moved to Asheville to be in a colder climate and to concentrate more fully on felt making. She also dyes and spins wool and silk and hopes to one day have her own sheep and goats.



Artist Statement

Textiles are "my thing"! They have excited me ever since I was a child learning how to knit. I love the feel, the look, and the process. Especially wool. It is so versatile. Soooo much you can do with it. And don't forget dyeing! I start from color usually, and then anything can happen - and usually does!

