

Bev Flackman

Artist Statement

With a need for an expression of my artistic self, I turned to paper cutting as a low cost outlet approximately 25 years ago.

My prime interest was to produce art that showed different aspects of Judaism. This was followed with names in English and Hebrew which I embellished showing the interests and background of the namesakes.

Soon I used this art as a way of expressing my inner thoughts and feelings. For example, "In The Woods" was created during a difficult time in my life.

The Mizrach is a designation of the eastern wall in a Jewish home or synagogue. Using symbols found in Judaism, I have created a variety of Mizrach.

My work is generally done with water colour paper, but I have used other papers such as light weight hand dyed paper, foil and drawing paper.

I begin by drawing the design on the reverse side of the paper. Then again, from the reverse, I use an xacto knife to reveal the design.

I try to maintain the integrity of this art of "creating with paper". I am looking forward to adding more layering, colours and variety of papers.

I am truly satisfied with the both the design process and the completion of the piece by cutting the paper.

Both of these skills require quiet and absolute concentration which I enjoy.