

OLIVIA HOLT - MIXED MEDIA

Hello! My name is Olivia Holt, and I am a mixed media artist. I graduated from Ball State University in 2016 with my degree in Fine Arts. During my studies, I focused on drawing and glass blowing. I fell in love with combining mediums to produce intimate and interactive pieces from glass, to textiles, to charcoal. The experimentation and process along the way to create a piece can be rewarding within the arts. It is not always about the outcome, but the journey and evolution of a piece can bring new ways of thinking about art within our world.

Today I am taking a multitude of influences in medium types to create what you see/feel before you. Watercolor “blooms” (where the colors spread across the paper) make interesting marks for backgrounds. Upon these pieces, I am using charcoal to draw abstractly inspired naturalistic forms or portraits over the bloomed pieces (after drying.) I am also collaging pieces from magazines and books to react with the charcoal forms. Lastly, I will sew into pieces with thread or yarn to give texture and color.

Please feel free to help cut pieces for collaging, and if you'd like to try "blooming" watercolor, I'm more than happy to assist. You may touch the textiles, just be careful around the sewing needles. Ask any questions!

Thank you for coming and supporting the arts. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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