

FEATURED ARTIST: MELISSA CHOROSZEWSKA



I make porcelain home decor, accessories and gifts in Callington, Cornwall.

My work is influenced by the countryside surrounding my home in the Tamar Valley, inspiration comes from textures, patterns and contrasts found in the natural world.



“I make exploratory journeys through each picture, creating new realities and watching the evolution of images.”

WHAT IS THE BEST WORK RELATED THING YOU HAVE DONE RECENTLY?

I have been really enjoying designing new products lately, including my new vases and learning a new method for personalising my ceramic decorations, and also I am really pleased with the success I have been having at this year's craft fairs including Cotehele and Outlaw.

I choose to work in porcelain because I love the translucent qualities of the material. I also use mother of pearl lustre to finish my products, I love how the lustre catches the light and shimmers and glistens.

I graduated in 2009 from Hereford College of art with a BA in Contemporary Applied Art. I then moved back home to Gunnislake and set up my workshop in my parents shed, I worked part time at Plymouth College of Art as a Technical Demonstrator in Large Metals. I made the decision to turn my ceramics into a full time job around 4 years ago.

I now have my own workshop which houses 2 lovely kilns!

I sell my work through various galleries and shops across the UK and have a large online presence, selling through NotOnTheHighStreet.com, etsy, Handmade on Amazon and my own website.

I also enjoy being a member of Drawn to the Valley and taking part in open studios with both my Mum (Katy Choroszevska) and Grandma (Jen Parker).

For more information on Melissa or to purchase her porcelain home decor and accessories. Visit www.melissaceramics.com

ASK THE ARTIST



Set of porcelain bowls



Set of 3 pearl bowls



Where is your favourite place?

My favourite place is Cotehele. The gardens are just beautiful, and the views across to Calstock are incredible.

What is your worst habit?

My worse habit has to be how messy I am, as much as I try I just can't seem to keep things tidy!

What irritates you?

Not having enough time in the day to get everything done. And wasting time waiting for things!

Top 2 dinner party guests?

I would absolutely love to meet Emma Bridgewater. She and her business is a huge inspiration to me.

I would also love to meet the Queen!

Which super-power would you most like to have?

Some sort of super power to make my workshop and house magically tidy itself, and a super power to give me extra time!

What is your favourite motto?

If you can dream it you can do it!



Snowflake Earrings