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Bespoke Jewellery Maker

Upcycled Jewellery

Upcycled jewellery is made from older pieces discarded by their owners sourced from second hand shops and flea markets. The process of upcycling interests me as an artist on several levels. By re-imagining existing jewellery there is a reduction in the use of new raw materials which makes the process of physically creating a piece more environmentally friendly. In addition, you are taking a piece of jewellery, which already has a history and a life of its own, taking it out of its original context, and giving it new meaning.

Many of the pieces were originally brooches which I have converted into pendants or combined several pieces of upcycled jewellery to create an entirely unique piece.

Birds

Bird and cage

The bluebird in this piece was part of a pair of earrings; the cage was part of a charm bracelet. This bird has flown.

Enamelled bluebird

Beautiful translucent blue enamelled on silver pendant.

Pair of bluebirds 1, 2

Gaudy and kitsch brooches converted into pendants.

Duck

Large enamelled duck brooch strung on Onyx and Carnelian.

Kingfisher

This is the first upcycled piece I ever sold - bright, gaudy and over the top. Strung on rubber cord.

Parrot and Lenin

Lenin was a badge, the parrot a brooch, an unlikely but fun juxtaposition.

Peacock

Large Victorian brooch converted into a pendant, set with Marcasite. Swallows 3, 4.

Butterflies

One of my favourite themes, bright colourful birds in flight.

Butterfly

Pendant adapted from a circa 1950's brooch.

Enamel butterfly

Pendant converted from a late 70's brooch, strung on a silver chain.

Soviet butterfly

Russian memorabilia juxtaposed with an enamelled butterfly to make a distinctive pendant.

We scream for ice cream**Ice cream 1,2,3,5 and Magnum**

Taking the ethos of upcycling a step further I decided to set non-precious items into jewellery. Setting these enamel ice cream badges into silver raises their status as objects and elevates them from kitsch to fine jewellery.

Juicy fruit**Apples 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5**

Fruit is another popular theme in old costume jewellery - big, brightly enamelled, juicy pieces of kitsch.

Cherries 1, 2, 3

Lucite (a type of plastic) and glass cherries. Bright and sumptuous, just begging to be bitten.

Deco strawberry

One of the nicest pieces I've found, another brooch converted into a pendant.

Strawberry 3, 4

Luscious, almost sexual, bright vivid colours adorn these pieces

Kitsch grapes, pear, strawberry

Big, brightly coloured brooches like these remind me of the ones my Nana used to wear. All strung on strands of Hematite.

Turquoise pineapple

A really over the top piece, set with turquoise beads, on a hematite necklace.

Seafaring

Anchors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 with pearl

I use a lot of old anchor brooches in my work and the older ones have really nice quality enamel. Some are silver, some brass. All pieces in this series are pendants adapted from brooches and strung on silver chains.

Fish and hook

The fish was originally a badge, converted to a pendant. The hook fabricated from silver

Sailing ship

Originally a gold plated brooch, I stripped back the plating to show off the silver filigree beneath.

Thomas Mott ship pendant

1930's art print on a brooch, converted into a pendant with the addition of a silver anchor.

Miscellaneous

Alice through the looking glass

Made from a silver filigree butterfly brooch and silver key charm. I printed an "Alice" illustration and set in behind a watch glass in a hand crafted bezel

Crown

Crown brooch converted into a pendant. Strung on a heavy silver chain.

Daisy and pearl

Lucite daisy, converted from a brooch. Strung on a silver chain with a Keishi pearl.

For home and country

A unique pendant formed from three brooches; a fossil ammonite, a circa 1940's brass and enamel badge and a swordfish brooch.

Gambler

A silver pistol and dice charm strung on silver chain.

Guns and roses

Lucite rose charm converted from an earring, paired with a silver pistol.

Kitsch dragon

I have a real love for big, bright and over the top pieces. Strung with Hematite beads.

Love and liberty

Lucite rose, gun and old French coin on silver chain.

Treasure

The Magpie has been busy. My work bench about July 2009.