

"Outside my World Inspiration" Challenge

Artisans often find inspiration from the work of other artisans. What medium is your favorite to work in? Clay? Fiber? Fabric? Wood? Leather? Glass? Reed? Paper? Shake up your world. Take art from outside your comfort zone and use it to inspire work within it.

Here's the challenge...

Select a piece of art from outside your normal medium. Use it to create work within your medium.

Examples...

Let's look at examples. If you are potter, use a draped woven scarf to create a bowl, vase, or cup. If you are a weaver or quilter, use a painting to create a woven wallhanging or table runner. If you are a woodcarver or leathercrafter, use fine lace to create a carving or tooled leather piece. If you knit or crochet, select stained glass to create a sculptured knitted or crocheted centerpiece. So many more. Where are you, where can you go? Step out from your world into another for inspiration.

Rules...

- Project must be started no earlier June 1, 2010.
- Project must be finished by 6:30pm, October 28, 2010.
- Photograph or copy your inspiration and print in color to size 8.5 x 11.
- Your 'Outside my World Inspiration' project presentation will be made at the Guild's General meeting on Thursday, Oct 28, 2010.
- Be prepared to discuss your work inspired by art from outside your world. Where are the similarities; differences? Would someone recognize your inspiration from the work you created? Does it matter? Why?

Participants of this challenge will have their work and the photo of their inspiration displayed in a public exhibit planned for later this year or early next.

Example

Former guild member Alison Smith takes a painting of row boats and uses its color for her selection of rags destined to be a handwoven wall hanging or table runner.

