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At Home with an ART 57

Not many people consider rummaging through a scrap-metal salvage yard as the perfect way to spend a day, but then again not many people are Delfina Falcão. A talented Ottawa-based artist, she boldly journeus the artistic spectrum, incorporating a wide variety of materials, textures and patterns into her work. Drop by the beautiful Acco Kitchen & Bath showroom to view Delfina's glass backsplashes, glass jeweled accents, glass murals, painted murals, mosaics and hand-woven rugs and observe an artist as diverse as the world in which we live.

How did you become involved with art?

Well, I used to work in high-tech, but I decided to take a break and then I just started creating things. For me the best thing is to create, be it whatever, anything! The challenge to create and to not have any repetition in your work, to experiment while creating is important to me.

What sort of materials do you work with?

All sorts. Glass, rugs, metal. I've done cushions, painted murals, lights. Just now I have made a little custom-made note-board with magnets for a client. There's always something different.

What's your philosophy about art and creation?

I feel like the materials speak... you make them talk (laughs). You transform and bring forth something new from the old.

What are your thoughts about art in the home?

I think bringing the art into the home is important. It is always beautiful to turn a piece of art into something functional so that it can become something special for everyday. Like the glass back-splashes I do, I thought they were a good idea because you can have a masterpiece in your kitchen to see all the time.

So you don't believe in keeping art out of reach?

Art needs to be accessible. Some people think of art and they are scared. I like to try make my art more affordable, more accessible. My back-splashes and table-tops give a soul to the kitchen, something unique to be treasured and felt.

Do you have any advice for new artists?

I think everyone has potential. I would like to get groups together and teach them how to trust themselves enough to create. Everyone can express and art is just expression in materials. So, I would like to give some workshops with kids and encourage open minds.

Is there something in particular you like about kids art?

I like their expression, it's completely them! Later in life, you make barriers and restrict a little bit. Kids are very open and true. It is always important to just accept art. If you like something, that can be your art.

Is that why you do custom designs for clients?

Yes. Putting something in your home is a very personal thing. It only makes sense that it should be exactly what you want and like. I work very closely with clients to make sure I can give them something they like for years and years.



Delfina's work can be viewed at ACCO Kitchen & Bath Showroom at 747 Richmond Rd-Unit A1.

> by appointment only. www.delfinafalcao.com