



Elaine Schmidt

I have been working with fabric since I was quite young, having been taught by my mother and grandmother, though my fascination really began after Memere presented me with my first quilt at the age of 12. Fabric can be delightful to play with, the textures, colors and patterns just waiting to form an image. I do work mostly with quilts, but I also make one-of-a-kind spirit dolls for all ages, and in the past couple of years I've become interested in altered books. Books that are about to be discarded can become a beautiful work of art, giving me another way to work with fabric and many other textures and designs.

I am a graduate of the University of Maine system with a degree in English and Elementary (K-8) Education. After teaching at the elementary level for several years, I really found my niche out of the classroom and have been working at the Freeport Community Library for 10 years.

Most of my work can be seen at small craft fairs, but I've also had several shows at the library and have sold several pieces on commission. If not in the studio with fabric, thread, buttons & beads, you might take a look in our garden where I'm either getting down and dirty or curled up in the sun with a good book.

