

Rebecca Coles

STATEMENT:

...a journey travelling with a pencil, paper and a pair of scissors...

As a paper artist my work currently focuses on the reinvention of entomological cataloguing, display and the assemblage of shapes. I am fascinated with the process by which three-dimensional decorative forms materialise out of flat sheets of paper. By deconstructing various paper ephemera I create unique works of art.

The delineation of these forms within the ethos and methods of my work requires an absolute labour of love, where repetition has always been notable and each piece is composed of hundreds if not thousands of profiles.

Each shape is hand drawn and then intricately hand cut from carefully selected paper, focusing on recycling a medium that would otherwise be discarded and lost. I dissect small details of colour, imagery and text into silhouettes that are then re-sculptured, pinned and encased. My aim is to transform an every day object into a piece of work that invites the viewer to see beyond its original source.

EDUCATION:

- 2000 – 2002 MA Constructed Textiles, The Royal College of Art, London
- 1997 – 2000 BA (Hons) Woven Textiles, Winchester School of Art
- 1996 – 1997 National Diploma in Art & Design, Winchester School of Art

EXHIBITIONS:

- 2011 AAF, North London, Hampstead
- 2011 Objects of Desire, Chapel Gallery, Lancashire Nov-Jan 2012
- 2011 Smiths Row Gallery, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk Nov-Dec
- 2011 Origin 2011, Old Spitalfields Market, London September
- 2011 Artists Showcase, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield
- 2011 Summer Showcase, Harley Gallery, Nottinghamshire
- 2011 Summer Exhibition, Sarah Wiseman, Gallery, Oxford
- 2011 Modified Expressions, Kilkenny Arts Festival, Ireland
- 2011 Contemporary Craft Open, Black Swan Arts, Frome
- 2011 106th Summer Exhibition, Victoria Art Gallery, Bath
- 2011 Open Studios, Bungeroosh Gallery, Brighton
- 2011 Circles, Gloss Art Gallery, Exter
- 2011 'First Anniversary Paper' Exhibition, Unit Twelve, Tixall, Stafford
- 2011 Any Toucan Fall in Love, Rostra & Rooksmoor Galleries, Bath

- 2010 MADE10, Corn Exchange, Brighton
- 2010 Origin 2010, Old Spitalfields Market, London
- 2010 105th Summer Exhibition, Victoria Art Gallery, Bath
- 2010 Papercuts, Rostra & Rooksmoor Galleries, Bath

- 2009 Book Art & Christmas Tales, Black Swan Arts, Frome
- 2009 104th Summer Exhibition, Victoria Art Gallery, Bath

AWARDS:

- 2011 People's Choice Award, Black Swan Arts, Frome