

Jan Blacka - Digital Painting

ABOUT THE ARTIST



Jan Blacka has always liked to make things. She started making dolls out of the peel-off papers from the wide band-aids as soon as she was old enough to be allowed to have magic markers and tape. A long, long way from band-aids, markers and tape, but still in love with media and tools and process, Jan makes her own stuff, but has added a computer with a pen tablet to her toolset. Her working methods are closely related to collage and print-making, and sometimes include her photos and scanned objects. The work combines the precision of computer generated art with a hand-made sensibility and abstract style.

She earned her BA at Williams College in Massachusetts and her MFA at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Jan has worked as a studio assistant for a master printmaker and an American Craft Council fiber artist. She has taught art in many venues, including summer camp, various art centers including Maryland Hall for Creative Arts, and the Maryland College of Art and Design.



She is a professional web designer and has served on the board of the Loudoun Arts Council and serves on the Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center board as web coordinator.