***Lily Victoria Purslow***

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**Artist Statement**

My art practice combines both fine art and textiles. I specialise in hand embroidery, watercolour, and pattern design. Important themes within my work include colour, texture and pattern. I am inspired by personal experiences and my surroundings; important details are documented in sketchbooks through notes and illustrations before textile and pattern are composed.

I graduated from Birmingham School of Art with a first-class BA (Hons) degree in Fine Art in 2020, and was awarded a Distinction in MA Textile and Surface Design at Birmingham Institute of Jewellery, Fashion and Textiles in 2021. My knowledge in textiles was furthered by my Erasmus + Exchange at Escola Massana Centro de Arte y Diseño in Barcelona, Spain in 2019. I started my small business, Lily Purslow Art, following the completion of my BA. I produce bespoke hand embroidered artwork, watercolors and printed textiles. I also sell embroidered artwork, prints and watercolors through a shop on Etsy and take part in Art and Craft Fairs.

In 2021, I hosted my first Textile Design workshop in a high school with a group of GCSE students. I offer half or full day workshops that can be adapted to the school curriculum that focus on art practices in order to develop printed textiles.

**Education History**

Birmingham Institute of Jewellery, Fashion and Textiles, Birmingham City University

September 2020-August 2021

MA Textile and Surface Design\_Distinction

Escola Massana Centro de Arte y Diseño, Barcelona

February 2019-June 2019

Contributed to BA Hons Fine Art\_First Class

Birmingham School of Art, Birmingham City University

September 2017-June 2020

BA Hons Fine Art\_First Class

King Edward VI College

September 2015 to May 2017

A Level - Art, Craft and Design\_C

A Level - English Language and Literature\_C

A Level - Sociology\_C

Ridgewood High School

September 2010 to May 2015

11 GCSE\_A-C

Level 2 Project Qualification\_A

**Exhibitions**

Medicine Gallery, February 2020, *Made Public*, BSoA group show

Birmingham School of Art, June 2020-present, *It Nearly Never Happened*, Virtual Graduate show

Festival des Glycines, May 2021, *Festival des Glycines: #drawmewisteria2021,* Virtual show

Wolverhampton Museum and Art Gallery, September 2020-present, *Your New Normal, My Normal*, Changing Our Lives virtual show

Birmingham School of Art, October 2021, *Reassemble: Process to Production*, BSoA graduate group show

Wolverhampton Museum and Art Gallery, October-December 2021, *Our Creative Lockdown*, lockdown exhibitions showcase

New Art Gallery Walsall, May-September 2022, *West Midlands Open*

**Publications/Features**

This and That Zine Issue I, June 2020

Express and Star, November 2020

Common Ground: *‘Your New Normal. My Normal’*, Exhibition Publication, June 2021

**References available on request.**