

# Nadine Fenton

I use traditional textile techniques of knit, crochet and lace making to create wearable art in metal. My jewellery is sculpture to wear. Each piece is stitched completely by hand using crochet, knitting and lace making techniques. My work is made with fine silver and coloured metal that is silver plated. Pearls, gemstones and glass beads are incorporated in my work to give them an extra dimension of colour. I make pieces that are visually stimulating, ask questions, evoke emotions and add beauty to their environment.

I am inspired by the tactile qualities of textiles. My work refers to the traditions of domestic handicrafts but has a modern stance with a whimsical flair. The pieces that I create are inspired from nature - plant forms and sea creatures. Many of my pieces are designed to move and change shape. The colours are bright and vivid and give the work a playful, joyful quality. I enjoy the interplay of shape, texture, colour and light.

Jewellery can be worn as a statement of mood, emotion or whimsy. It is art that travels with you and provokes the imagination