



A FAMILY HEIRLOOM IN THE MAKING

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO HAVE MEANINGFUL PIECES IN YOUR HOME?

As a busy mum of 3 young children, there isn't a lot of peace and quiet in our home. This chair 'Valerie' was commissioned to create a special, quiet space in my bedroom for me to read, rest or just sit quietly. Allowing myself some time to relax is incredibly important and can sometimes be the best thing for the whole family. I also hope to pass it onto my daughter one day, so she can have a special place to relax a family heirloom in the making.

HOW DO YOU THINK THE USE OF FIBRES ENHANCES YOUR HOME?

Being a creative hairdresser of 17 years, colour and texture have always been a huge part of my life. They can determine a feeling or vibe I wish to represent within a space. This piece is definitely an expression of my creative side bringing numerous gorgeous colours and textures together to creative that warm welcoming feeling in my home.

Years ago, when I looked at my new somewhat rustic industrial home, built for me by my father, I could not get my head around how I would decorate. I decided it would have no set 'style' or 'colour scheme', but each room would be a representation of how I wanted it to feel for my family. This chair is the perfect addition for creating the desired feel for the master bedroom.

WHAT DREW YOU TO CHOOSE THESE COLOURS/ TEXTURES/FIBRES?

We are extremely lucky to live in a beautiful area surrounded by nature the olive throughout the chair is a natural colour I chose to bring nature inside, the blush pink is such an elegant and soft feminine colour, that ties the chair in with my bedroom.

I love the contrast the bold charcoal and light, bright creams create among the other colours; I chose a range of neutral tones which are versatile and adaptable as I change things in my home in the future.

Choosing different fibres really accentuates the range of textures and they all work so well together - wool, yak, cashmere, silk, linen, cotton, hemp, alpaca, as well as some gorgeous fabric offcuts to tie it. I really love the western edgy feel the tassels and press studs give the chair.

HOW DID YOU FIND AN.TI.QUATE? I spotted one of Kerri's chairs she designed called 'Numero Uno' on Facebook and instantly fell in love with her work. The patterns, weaves and textures she creates were unbelievable and I knew I had to have one.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GET YOUR OWN CUSTOMISED UPHOLSTERY ART PIECE?

Kerri's pieces were so personalised and truly remarkable pieces of art. She also uses recycled products, which was a huge win for me. I knew she could create something special for my home, and I am so happy we went through this process.

Working with Kerri whilst she has designed and constructed my chair has been a fabulous experience. The consultation was a really thorough experience, and it paid off as my Upholstery Art chair is more than I could have imagined. I am so thrilled with the result and cannot wait to experience my next project with an.ti.quate.

A WORD WITH THE DESIGNER...

It was an absolute pleasure creating this special piece for Natalie. From beginning to end she has been so lovely to work with and I feel very honoured to create something special for her to enjoy some quiet time in amongst busy family agendas. The colours and fibres used came together beautifully to compliment the look of the reupholstered deep-buttoned wingback.

I really enjoy how each piece I create, ends up looking so unique in its own way. Every time I struggle to think I could love another project as I did the last, but then the evolution of that newer piece creates an entirely new character that I adore just as much. I really feel blessed to have this business and create for a living.

I strongly believe that we all deserve having something in our everyday lives that makes us feel a great sense of happiness - for me it's my 'food forest' garden and the ever-growing array of fruit trees that find their way to my property. I'm eternally grateful I can be a part of the journey to finding and creating a piece of happiness for others.

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