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Isabel Adonis | Scraps, Patches and Rags

Folk artist and writer Isabel uses paint, fabric and collage to explore the subject of "home". Her paintings have a unique naive quality and deal with a range of challenging themes from loneliness and misogyny, racism and abandonment

or over forty years Isabel Adonis and I kept on missing each other.

We were both brought up in North Wales and worked in art and education, but it wasn't until 2009 that I would walk into a cafe in Llandudno and see a small painting of a crow.

I bought the painting, took it home and hung it on my wall. A few years later when I met my partner Julian, he tracked Isabel down and commissioned her to paint a portrait of us.

We went to Llandudno to meet her and pick up the painting. Over Earl Gray tea and cream cakes from Marks and Spencers, she told us about her life, and how the crow painting had been the first painting she'd ever done.

Isabel spent her childhood in London and Africa where her artist father and homemaker mother left her and her sisters to their own devices. She filled the boredom of having no friends by making paper dolls. At the age of nine she returned to Wales from Sudan and in her teenage years began to experiment with quilting.

In her twenties she made paintings out of cloth, patchwork skirts, cushions and curtains and dolls.

She raised her children at home and became a private tutor and writer on race and identity issues, but she didn't pick up a paint brush until she was in her 50s.

I remember asking Isabel if she would describe herself as a Welsh Folk Artist and she repiled, no. Just a Folk Artist would be fine.

Her exhibition at Weavers Factory is all about the search for a place called home. What is home, how important is it, and where is it?

In an era when immigration, social mobility and national identity are at the heart of our political debate, Isabel's work could not be more relevant."

- Nigel Durkan

Profile

Name Isabel Adonis

Born 1951

Lives

Llandudno, Wales

Medium

Fabric, paint, collage, mixed media

Education

Educational Studies, Bangor University

Exhibitions

Liverpool Academy of the Arts, Llandudno Library.

Llandudno Library, Station Road Open Air Gallery,



1. Mother and Daughter 36 inches x 48 inches £495



2. Black Hats and Black Birds 36 inches x 48 inches £495



4. Spotty Ribbon 18 inches x 24 inches **£195**



5. Jamaican Girls 30 inches x 40 inches £395



3. Afernoon Tea in the Garden 30 inches x 48 inches £395



6. Girl With The Funny Lips 30 inches x 40 inches £395



7. Two Boys With Handbags 30 inches x 40 inches £395



8. Blah Blah Girls 16 inches x 20 inches £145



11. Silly Face in Pink

6 x 6 inches

10. Silly Cat Red Bow Tie 6 x 6 inches £30



£30

12. Silly Cat Green
Bow Tie 6 x 6 inches
£30



13. Silly Face in Blue 6 x 6 inches



9. Girl With Phtalo Green Hair 18 inches x 24 inches £195



16. Girls Night Out 36 inches x 48 inches £495



14. Three Girls, One in Cloche Hat 30 inches x 40 inches £395



15. Three Girls And A Salamander 30 inches x 40 inches £395



18. The Triple Goddess 36 inches x 48 inches £495









19. Angel in Blue
11.5 inches x
31 inches
£195

20. Angel in Green
11.5 inches x
31 inches
£195

21. Angel in Red 11.5 inches x 31 inches



17. A Black Mammy 16.5 inches x 12 inches £95



24. White Faced Mummy 11 inches x 19 inches (Not For Sale)



22. Three Nuns 48 inches x 72 inches £795





23. The Five Sisters 36 inches x 48 inches £595



27. Girl in Window 2 23.5 inches x 35 inches £395



25. Three Girls Hats and Handbags 30 inches x 30 inches £150



28. Magician's Wife 24 inches x 36 inches £295



26. Sleeping Beauty 31 inches x 40 inches £395



29. Girl With Stars in Skirt 30 inches x 40 inches £495



30. Boy With Dog 30 inches x 40 inches £495



31. Measuring Straight Lines 18 inches x 24 inches £145



33. A Girl Lost in a Book 24 inches x 36 inches £295



32. Girl With Multicolou Hair 16 inches x 26 inches £145



35. Girl With Blue Hair 18 inches x 24 inches £295



36. A Movement in the Dark 36 inches x 48 inches £595



34. Going Home 36 inches x 36 inches £495

38. Three Crows in a Basket
36 inches x 36 inches
£495





37. A Golden Crown 18 inches x 24 inches £295



39. Flying Girl With Black Baseball Sneakers 31.5 inches x 11.5 inches £145



41. Portrait of the Artist16 inches x 40 inches
£145



42. Woman With Light 16 inches x 40 inches £145

39. Flying Girl

31.5 inches x

11.5 inches

£145

With White Bow

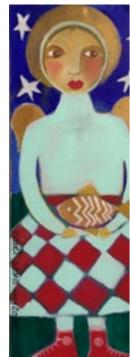


43. Girl With Patchwork Skirt 24 inches x 36 inches £395



44. Vunerability 30 inches x 48 inches **£495**





(Left to right)

46. Angel
With Green
Wand
11.5 inches x
31.5 inches
£145

48. Angel in Blue Patholo Green and Red 11.5 inches x 31.5 inches £145





45. Girl in Window 1 23.5 inches x 35 inches £395

47. Story of Myself 48 inches x 72 inches **£1,495**

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