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“I Have an Idea”

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In my household, it is not uncommon for me to say, “I have an idea”. I say it often enough that my husband has determined it could make a fitting epitaph. A somewhat morbid thought that it is, though I agree it is well suited.

As it is, I have more ideas than there is time for. The key I have found is to sift through them and find the ones that warrant further investigation.

Investigation is exploration. And exploration is process. I tinker, fiddle and noodle around in my mind the thread of an idea, with just enough focus, that the unexpected is still able to emerge and come alive.

Layers of information made up of texture, color and form have all been my main sources of motivation and inspiration as I create. Here, threads, sewn by hand and/or machine, gold leaf, reclaimed materials, fabrics, papers, and more give you, the viewer, information that you wouldn't receive from just a flat printed surface.

“I Have an Idea” is a collection of work that is made up of eight pairs. Each pair begins with one of my original paintings. It is from this foundation that the second half, from an idea I had, evolves. I continue the story of the original in another medium – giving life to an entirely new piece.

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