

Meet The Makers

Edition 5: Angie Ashton



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Angie Ashton: The Diamond Painter

Angie Ashton, a dedicated artist from Muncie, has transformed her passion for Diamond Painting into a flourishing business at the Makers Market in Knightstown. Through her intricate and colorful paintings, Ashton offers others a glimpse into her artistic journey and a chance to experience the beauty of her craft.

Ashton's path to becoming a Diamond Painting artist began in 2018, inspired by an ad she saw on Facebook. "I was intrigued, as I liked to do adult coloring and this looked very similar. My son bought me one for Christmas that year, and I have been hooked ever since," she recalls.

This new form of creative expression quickly became a cherished evening activity, allowing her to unwind and relax. Over time, her collection of completed paintings grew, initially given away to family and friends, and eventually leading her to seek a broader audience for her work.

From Hobbyist to Businesswoman

The transition from hobbyist to entrepreneur was a natural progression for Ashton. "I can't hang all the pictures I have done, so this is an opportunity for others to see the craft as well as purchase a painting without doing the work," she explains. Her business not only provides a

platform for her to share her artwork but also introduces more people to the art of diamond painting.

As an entrepreneur, Ashton values the unique opportunities that the Makers Market provides for artisans and small business owners such as herself. "The chance to display the craft without having to set up and tear down at craft shows is wonderful. Artisans do not have much exposure or opportunity for a permanent display at most locations, so the Makers Market is very unique for crafters," she says. The Makers Market offers a stable and welcoming space for artisans to showcase their talents, fostering a community of creativity and appreciation for handmade crafts.



Inviting Others to Experience Diamond Painting

In addition to selling her finished pieces, Ashton also offers DIY kits for those interested in trying Diamond Painting themselves. "I also sell DIY kits for someone to try their own hand at diamond painting, a small 4x6 kit," she shares. This initiative demonstrates Ashton's commitment to fostering a more creative and expressive world, as she is not only looking to sell her works, but also to inspire a new generation of diamond painters.

The Special Nature of Handmade Items

For Ashton, the allure of handmade items lies in the time, effort, and love invested in each piece. "The time it takes for the person to make the items is special. Most of the time, each item will be unique in some fashion even if there looks to be two of the same," she explains. Her Diamond Paintings, each taking anywhere from 20 to 60 hours to complete, reflect this dedication to craftsmanship and individuality.

Ashton encourages everyone to visit the Makers Market and explore the diverse array of handmade items available. "Come check out the variety of items and come back often as the inventory changes from month to month," she invites. Each visit to the market promises new discoveries and a chance to support local artisans.

Angie Ashton's journey from a relaxing hobby to a thriving business at the Makers Market is a testament to the power of passion and community. Through her Diamond Paintings, she shares not only her art but also a piece of her heart, inviting others to find joy and tranquility in handmade crafts. As she continues to create and inspire, Ashton's work at Dragonfly Crafts enriches the artistic landscape of Knightstown and beyond.

