

Diana Engelbrecht has used fiber, fabric, and sewing to create since she was 9 years old in 4-H. She began making her own clothes from 9 into twenties. Diana attended American Floral Arts School in Chicago and has worked as a florist throughout the area for over 12 years.

When her children were young, she also helped with the family farm operation. For a creative outlet, she took art classes and learned to paint landscapes in oils and acrylics. She participated in arts and craft shows with her paintings and handmade wall hangings.

35 years ago, Diana started to explore the quilting arts. She enjoys making creations that are sometimes traditional geometric quilt designs, sometimes abstract, sometimes realistic, and sometimes a combination of all of them. For the last 8 years, she has been creating her own one of a kind fabrics with a variety of dyeing techniques, stamping, mono printing, and felting, along with a variety of embellishments. She loves combining traditional methods with innovative techniques. Inspiration comes from photos, life, conversations, and God's creation.

She has exhibited quilts and art quilts at Great River Quilt Shows, Maquoketa Art Experience, Clinton's River Arts Center, Eldridge and Davenport Libraries, and the Botanical Center.

Diana has taught a variety of techniques at Ben Franklin, So Fro Fabrics and for the Mississippi Valley Quilters Guild, QC Fiber Arts, and Farm Fiber Fun, a fiber arts camp, as well as private lessons in her home.