

Featured Artist

Ashley Redmond and Todd Kamps



So, what's your story? Branch Handmade was created on a whim one night by myself, Ashley Redmond and my better half, Todd Kamps. I am an interior designer by education and owned my own retail home store, so I am really inspired by home, textiles and all kinds of design. Todd is graphic designer, artist and photographer and we were always trying to create some kind of business in which both of our talents could be utilized. We decided to learn to screen print for fun and it was like we found our calling! We enjoy it and its challenging and exciting. I absolutely love seeing an image in my mind or a photoraph we took and seeing it perfectly on a pillow or shirt.

How did you get started creating your artwork? I am always coming up with new business ideas, some of them crazy, some of them sane! One night, Todd and I were talking and I was saying I wanted to print pillowcases with some of the photos that we had taken. Todd was interested in learning to screen print so that night we ordered a screenprinting set and that's how it all started!

Where does your inspiration come from? Mainly from my current surroundings, but places I have visited, people I have met and my customers also inspire my work. Todd and I are lucky enough to live on the water and I run every morning on the beach with my dogs where the water, the sky, the people all inspire new images to screen print. Todd is a avid photographer and we bring the camera with us everywhere we go, most of the time we return home with a great image of something to use.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? In 5 years I see myself doing exactly what I am doing now; working, creating and marketing Branch Handmade. I see myself, hopefully, with a small staff in order to increase production and I hope that by then Branch Handmade products are available in boutiques and retail stores all over.

Where do you sell your work? We currently sell our work through our website www.branchshop.com, via etsy at www.branchhandmade.etsy.com as well as a small shop at www.branchhandmade.bigcartel.com. We just launched the wholesale section of our website and are opening a few boutique accounts.

Who is your favorite artist? There are too many to pick just one! Top three...Man Ray, Isamu Noguchi and Marcel Duchamp. Todd says David Carsen, Lichtenstein and Tibor.

What is your favorite song and by whom? Mr.Dobalina by Del tha Funkee Homosapien

If you were stranded on a deserted island, with your family, what 5 things would you bring with you? Since my dogs are considered my family, I will assume they are with us! Other than them I would bring a 35mm camera, film, journal, pen and scrabble.

Why do you think people should buy handmade? I think its great to support an individual artist or creator instead of something that is mass produced. Handmade items are usually made with real care, and in my experience the artist really takes pride in their work knowing that the end purchaser is really going to use it, love it and enjoy it.

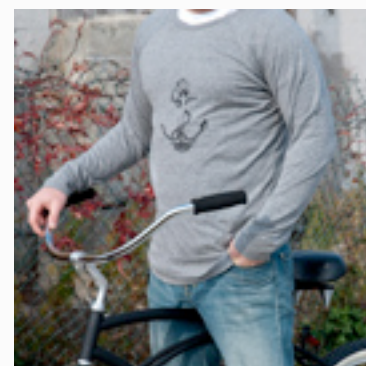
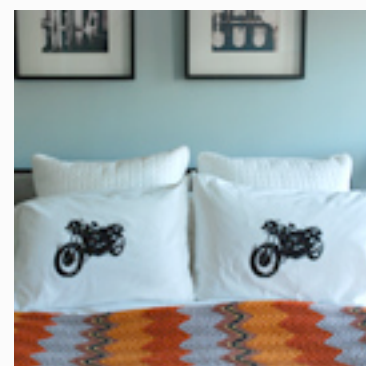
Is there anything else you would like to share? Ever since I was little my grandfather always told me to find something you love to do and you will be successful at it. I think about that all the time and feel like I have finally found that something I love, now its time to make the other part of that saying come true!

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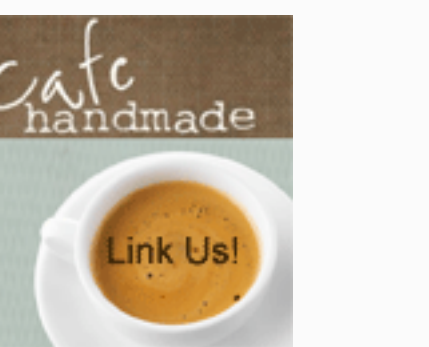


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