

Charmed

14 x 18 x 1

Fiber: Needle Felted Wool on Linen

\$1,500

## **Dani Ives**

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Dani Ives (she/her/hers) is a fiber artist, independent teacher, and creative entrepreneur. She is known for popularizing her needle felting technique of "painting with wool" and authored a book of the same title. Dani's work has been showcased nationally including within Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the Arkansas Historic Museum, and currently in the Women of the Ozarks exhibition. She teaches workshops globally, both online and in person. Dani's awards include the Arkansas Arts Council's Individual Artist Fellowship, a CACHE Creative Exchange Fund 2022 Artist Residency, and the Award of Excellence from Fiber Art Now. She resides and works in Rogers, AR.

## **Artist Statement**

As a fiber artist, I am deeply inspired by the tactile nature of textiles and their potential for intricate designs and patterns. My work explores the emotional connections between humans and the natural world, challenging the boundaries between fine art and craft. In my studio practice, I use natural fibers to add layers of meaning, emphasizing sustainability and the interconnectedness of all materials. The process of needle felting is meticulous, involving the careful poking and layering of loose wool fibers with a barbed needle onto fabric until the desired image is achieved. My art is an exploration of the endless possibilities of fiber as a medium and a testament to the power of textiles to connect us to nature and ourselves.

