

I started painting in 1991. A friend of mine was taking the beginning painting class. I noticed a piece that she had done. I immediately thought like so many before me do, that I could never do this. My friend assured me otherwise. After discussing it with my husband, he convinced me to start taking the painting class. I realized how much I loved it, and I have been painting ever since.

I have always drifted toward doing my own designs. When I had painted other designer's work, I was never truly pleased with the outcome. I had thought my work needed to turn out just like the designer's. Never thinking of what I tell my students today; their paintings are an interpretation of my designs.

I enjoy taking a raw piece of wood or object and turning it into something special. I have a tendency to imagine what the finished product looks like, before I even start. This thought process is what led me to designing my own pieces. The first professional piece I ever designed, was supposed to be for one of the Painting groups I belong to. I had shown it to a friend of mine and she said that I should submit it to a magazine. I took her advice, and to my surprise they accepted it. My piece appeared in the 2009 Quick and Easy Painting issue. The piece was a dimensional Christmas tree. I now teach at a shop called The Tole Shop in Glendale, AZ. where I currently live. I also work at American Medical Solutions in Phoenix, AZ. My family consists of my husband, and two grown daughters.

My hopes and dreams for the future are to become a National Teacher and a popular designer amongst so many other very popular and talented designers.

Keep those brushes moving and dirty,

Ann Perz