

JANIE GROSMAN--GOURDIST

Every gourd presents a new idea, a new opportunity to create---whether it's carving, painting, embellishing with natural materials or just allowing the shape to stand on its own.

As a lover of mixed media, gourds have given me the opportunity to create unique pieces by a singular modality or a combination of modalities---shape, texture, color—they're all there in each piece I create. I don't really have a particular style. I just let the gourd dictate my direction.

I'm a Leo, a definite extrovert and love being silly at times. As a result, I often end up creating whimsical pieces that hopefully bring on a smile. My "fish on a stick" series is a reflection of my silly brain. Conversely, the medical researcher side of my brain often guides me to very linear, logical, geometric designs.

One thing is for certain, I love using hard-shelled gourds as my canvas and creating unique pieces to share with my collectors.