

# Liz Samways

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I'm a Yorkshire-based jeweller, enameller and printmaker, working in etched, engraved & enamelled silver and copper along with other metals as the inspiration takes me. Sterling silver is combined with copper and brass, textured, etched and engraved. In addition, on some pieces, layers of vitreous enamels or patinas are used in a painterly way to add elements of colour.

My work is inspired by the English landscape, my printmaking practice, and training as a garden designer. The design process is spontaneous, responding to the chemistry, combination & properties of the materials I use, and I do love a happy accident!

I began making silver & copper jewellery around 20 years ago and have been printmaking for around 10 years on a part-time basis. In 2011 I decided to start the business and have been growing and learning ever since. I'm also actively involved in a local crafts and design network.

## Education:

- BA Hons (2;i) in Art History, University of Leeds 1993
- BTEC Level 3 Horticulture/Garden Design (Distinction), Craven College 2008
- Silversmithing & Printmaking self-taught & evening classes and workshops.
  - Leeds College of Art, & Swarthmore Centre 1990s - Silversmithing evening classes.
  - West Yorkshire Print Workshop -
    - Introduction to Printmaking with Kate Desforges, 2008
    - Collagraphs with Janine Denby 2009
    - Colour drypoint with Kip Gresham 2011
    - Wood Engraving with Ann Desmet 2012
    - Developing Printmaking 2015
    - Photo lithography with Kate Desforges 2016
  - West Dean College -
    - Enamelling short course with Sheila McDonald 2013
    - Stone Setting with Penny Davis 2016
  - Northern Print
    - Photo lithography 2019

## Exhibitions & Selling:

- Feb-May 2019 'The Little Picture Show' Solo exhibition as part of 'Dark Skies', Inspired Gallery, North York Moors
- Crafts Council Directory
- June 2016 'Textiles & Textures', Dancing Light Gallery, Edinburgh
- March-June 2015 'A Walk in the Park' Craft & Design Gallery, Leeds
- July 2014 'Surface' Masham Gallery, North Yorks
- Art In The Pen, Skipton 2013-17, Thirsk 2018 (Crafts in the Pen 2015-18)
- Staithes Festival 2017-19
- Jewellery &/or prints sold nationwide in galleries & shops including:
  - Craft Centre & Design Gallery, Leeds
  - Number 4 Gallery, St Abbs
  - Pyramid Gallery, York
  - Inspired Gallery, North York Moors
  - Staithes Studios Gallery, North Yorkshire
  - Private commissions, including bangles, wedding rings & metal pictures.