



A Pet Portrait is a work of art. Acquire this family treasure.

YOUR PET IS A DISTINCT INDIVIDUAL

Immortalize your special animal friend with a fiber art portrait. Nicki interprets your pet's image to create an impressionistic 16-inch square knitted wool portrait that may be hung, made into a pillow, or — by incorporating it into a vest or jacket — turned into wearable art. You and your family will have an elegant portrait of your pet to treasure for years.

HISTORY OF THE PORTRAITS

Nicki describes how she became inspired to create Pet Portraits: “People relate deeply to the animals they share their lives with, especially dogs and cats; and the loyalty and love returned by their pets gets expressed in their eyes. Abby, my companion for 14 years, inspired me to begin making portraits of pets. Abby is gone, and I now live with Sasha and Willie. “Abby was smart and funny and lived to chase



squirrels. I keep my portrait of her on my couch. Whenever I walk into the living room, I'm pleasantly surprised to find Abby on the sofa. I just feel it's lovely to still have the essence of Abby in my house.”

HAVE NICKI CAPTURE YOUR PET'S ESSENCE

Nicki's design process is unique: Working from photographs, Nicki captures the personality of your furry companion. She then transforms that image into a pattern to produce the knit motif and background using four colors of soft wool yarn. When the knit image is ready, Nicki adds the individual surface textures her design specifies — felting, embroidery, and/or other techniques — to magically capture the essence of your pet.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

The works of fiber artist Nicki Hitz Edson have been exhibited in such diverse venues as the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, the Textile Museum (Washington, DC), the Museo Calouste Gulbenkian (Lisbon), the Museo de Art de Sao Paulo, the Museum of Contemporary Crafts (New York), and the windows of Tiffany & Co. She has been the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Grant, and is co-author of the book, *Creative Crochet*.

How to commission your Pet Portrait

Select a photo of your pet. The best photographs are headshots of the animal looking directly at the camera with a characteristic expression. Your favorite picture may be ideal. You may also work with Nicki to obtain an optimal image.

Choose a presentation format. A Portrait may be framed, fashioned into a pillow, made wearable, or otherwise customized to order. (Some formats will require an additional charge.) Each portrait is

delivered with an artist's certificate that establishes its provenance and its Portfolio position.

You may submit an order online, by phone, or by mail. Initial artist's fee may be made by check, credit card, or PayPal.

Nicki usually needs between three to five weeks to complete all the artistic and production processes required for a Pet Portrait. Orders can be filled within two weeks on a rush basis for an additional fee.



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