



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF NEEDLEARTS

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WRITING YOUR ARTIST STATEMENT

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Think of an Artist Statement as a discussion with a judge. It should describe your thought processes, the challenges you faced, and what motivated you – in other words, the “why” in your thinking, the “how” in your stitching, and the “what happened” in the end.

1. Start by writing answers to the following questions:
 - What inspired you to design or stitch this piece? If you didn't design the piece, who did?
 - What materials, methods and techniques were used?
 - What decisions or changes did you make along the way as far as color, stitches, or the design itself?
2. Carefully read what you've written and decide if it your statement communicates everything necessary to explain your creation. Add anything you feel is missing.
3. Edit your statement so it consists of a maximum of 150 words.
4. Complete and submit your Exemplary entry form, and email your statement to exemplary@needleart.org.