

KEVIN O'BRIEN STUDIO



Making beautiful textiles by hand in
Philadelphia for more than 20 years



Kevin and associates enjoying life in their luminous new design space



Some lustrous products conceived in that luminous space



Part of the job - waiting for inspiration.



Kevin sketching at his home studio in Woodstock, NY





Making a
printing screen



Mixing dye



Preparing fabrics for painting





Finished fabrics ready to be made into pillows, throws, quilts, curtains, or scarves



Quality check...



The criteria - is it beautiful enough?





Detail of our boutique inside of ABC Home, NYC



The Philadelphia Studio

Heather: "This piece is beautiful!"

Lee: "Yes, but I insist we can do better!"

Cate: "Ahh, but how?"

John: "I thought there were going to be cookies at this meeting."

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From a barn to a 10,000 square foot space, Kevin has created a design studio in Philadelphia where a team of artists transfers his sketches into handpainted, devore velvet works of art. These are the people that make it happen...

The Crew (from top left):

The Boss Man (Kevin), Fogogin (John), That Guy (Corey), The Box Chucker (Alvaro),
The Frenchman (Max), Jackie the Ripper (Jackie), The Sheriff (Angela),
The Pillow Wrangler (Lee), Supply Sorcerer (Christina), Silent Blade (Latoya),
The Graphics Gorilla (Sarah), The Iron Lady (Cate), The Sales Schmoozer (Heather)





"So, how in the world did you end up making fabric?", Kevin is often asked. The answer: he's not entirely sure how it happened. The 90's were a period of such creative activity for him that somehow his various roles as architect, teacher of design at Philadelphia College of Textiles, and painter came together to form a more dynamic and concentrated role - the textile designer...

Think of several stars collapsing into a black hole from which powerful energy is released.

20 years ago, he started with two yards of silk, a paintbrush, and a few bottles of ink. Now, Kevin is running a design firm that produces velvets, printed silks, rugs, cashmere throws, bedding, curtains, and decorative pillows, the likes of which have not been seen in this solar system, and there are more stars in orbit ready to create new rays of light in this vortex of creative energy.

As Stephen Hawking says, black holes are a beautiful and necessary thing in the universe.

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