

## top stitch

outstanding art quilts and the women who create them



"THE AMBER NECKLACE—AFTER MATISSE" 33.75" X 29.5"



"EMBROIDERED BLOUSE WITH GREEN SLEEVES—AFTER MATISSE" 24" X 29.5"



"SHARLENE—AFTER MODIGLIANI" 33.5" X 33"

"My love of Matisse and Modigliani inspired me to try some of their designs in fabric." ABOVE LEFT: Susie often adds beads and ribbons to her quilts. ABOVE RIGHT: "Matisse made no apology about using decoration. Neither do I." LEFT: "Modigliani's 'Portrait of a Woman with Earrings' looks like my friend Sharlene, who introduced me to the work of so many artists. I made this quilt portrait for her birthday."

### QUILTER'S PROFILE

"I go to bed with a different painter every night," jokes Susie Swan. She's talking about her favorite pastime: reading books about artists such as Matisse and Modigliani, both of whom inspired a series of embellished art quilts, Susie, who lives in Ojai, California,



learned to sew from her mother and grandmother when she was 6. "Interpreting the works of great artists taught me about color and form, but now I'm making quilts based on my own designs." ☘

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