TIMELESS DESIGN, QUALITY FABRICATION

TILDA SPARROW DESIGN

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The future of handcrafted adornment...

When it comes to jewellery, nothing equates to a piece that has been handcrafted just for you. A deeply meaningful combination of your desire and the artisan's inspiration and sophisticated skill. In the heart of Gubbi Gubbi Country, Tilda Sparrow Design is alluring us into the world of contemporary designs, thoughtfully handcrafting modern heirlooms that transcend time and hold sentimental significance and style.

Tilda Sparrow is inspired by Matilda Ramsay, an Australian Contemporary Jeweller trained in the discipline of silver and goldsmithing. Through heart and hands, she blends old-world skills with exceptional design, creating stunning pieces of bespoke jewellery that whisper a story, imbue individuality, and truly celebrate the people who wear them.



Striving for the perfect balance of beauty, form, and function...

Captivated by the alchemy of working with precious metals, Matilda uses the elemental forces of fire, water, and air to skillfully shapeshift the materials she works with. As the unique characteristics of the materials expose themselves she is fascinated by their strengths as much as their weaknesses, always pushing the boundaries between craft and design.

With a concept stage that is deeply personal, she draws on multiple sources of inspiration from both the natural and man-made worlds resulting in the thoughtful creation of timeless pieces, where unusual organic forms are juxtaposed with clean-cut industrial edges. Striving for the perfect balance of beauty, form, and function, we are invited into the future of contemporary handcrafted adornment.

The design studio, where all of the magic happens, is perched high on a hilltop in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast. The studio is 100% off the grid, powered by the sun, and surrounded by native Australian bushland. The scent of tea trees and melaleuca hang heavy in the air, and the expansive views towards the east capture a fresh breeze off the ocean offering the artist renewed perspective and a deep sense of place.

The studio is elegant yet earthy, with large pieces of raw cut wood that serve as tables, benchtops purpose-built to fit the contours of the maker's body, and cowhide rugs and natural fibers that hug the concrete floor. The elegance is met with an industrial feeling of order, precision, and mechanics. You can clearly see the long lineage of mechanical and design engineers in Matilda's family present and poised here, with tools that foster both functionality and design.

Nooks and boxes holding pieces of inspiration, and soft fabrics lined with heirloom jewellery are waiting for their turn to be melted to molten and reworked into a newly designed heirloom piece. A piece that will hold the stories of the past and also carry new stories into the future. There are one-of-a-kind custom orders ready to be shipped, and sacred spaces where work on future collections is clearly underway.





The Quill and Bone Collection is gently whispering Australia...

A variety of lavish eco-luxe boxes featuring the recently launched Quill and Bone Collection are out on display, allowing the exquisite and courageously crafted family of jewellery to be touched, tried, and explored. On closer inspection, you can see how the pieces are intricately designed to speak to each other. Having the ability and versatility to be worn in unison or separately in any striking combination that suits the individual or the occasion!

Carefully lifting the pieces from their boxes and putting them on is an experience in and of itself. Each piece is more interesting than the last.

This jewellery evokes an instant feeling of connection to the maker, the place they were created, and the origins of the materials. Wearing the pieces allows one to feel like a carrier of the dreaming, the work, the story.

The designs are exotic and intriguing, each intentionally pulling the viewer in and making the wearer feel more interesting, more beautiful, and somehow more whole. Dripping and swaying, they are designed to feel like part of the body landscape, moving with you, and curving to your contours.

There is a rawness in this collection, a natural and organic beauty that is met so perfectly with the clean-cut lines and hard edges. The intentionally darkened layers illuminate the highly polished reflective layers providing a notable contrast that plays with the light. There is a deliberate and thoughtful mixing of gold and silver in some of the pieces, it is unconventional, and it works.

The collection is gently whispering Australia and is completely inspired by this place. Where bush walks and wanderings resulted in a forest of inspiration of flora and fauna, and an ancient culture that lived here long before us.



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"A hundred walks on ancient land leaves a sharp-eyed wanderer with unexpected gifts. The Quill and Bone collection evokes the place it was created, echoing the harsh and subtle beauty of Australia. Small secret bones reimagined, reconstructed, whisper of wild bodies resting in the warmth of the sun. Precious quills of silver and gold drip and sway like rain from leaves. Smooth forms break unexpectedly into organic roughness, venerating the raw earth, the very stone from which the metal came. From Quills and Bones to sticks and stones, this collection honours its deep roots in Australian soil."

Quill and Bone, launched in the spring of 2022, is now available online for people with a desire to lean into stunning style and sustainable fashion. Purchased individually or as a collection, the gift of these sophisticated, made-to-order, pieces of jewellery is the ultimate statement of celebration. There are so many occasions in our lives that truly warrant such a sentimental, thoughtfully crafted, modern heirloom.

Choosing to work with only sustainably sourced, Australian materials, Matilda engages the service of industry leaders in both the mining and refinement process of her precious metals. She also supports the livelihood of other small businesses with a tight network of trusted suppliers using local fossickers and hand-mined gems faceted here in Australia.







The ethos of sustainability runs deep. It isn't just about the solar-powered studio and the ethically sourced materials, but also the mindset that Matilda wants to encourage. Less is more, quality over quantity, a conscious choice in every purchase that we make that takes us away from mass production and overconsumption, and towards handcrafted, individuality, and custom-made.

With core values of sustainable living and finding beauty in simplicity, Matilda has her sights set high with a vision for extraordinary design and exceptional fabrication long into the future. She holds a deep desire to positively influence the fashion industry, by continually creating meaningful, ethical, and timeless designs for people who are ready for change.

As her first collection touches individuals and retailers globally and custom pieces are continually being brought to life, Tilda Sparrow is one to watch. Clearly, ahead of her time she beckons us into the future of sustainable, striking adornment and welcomes anyone who is looking to create something special. Whether it is a bespoke design commission, a customised collection piece, or a sentimental heirloom piece that you would like to have reworked into a new design. Each and every piece can be tailored by Tilda to your heart's desire.

To view and purchase Tilda Sparrow's extraordinary work or to make an appointment please visit WWW.TILDASPARROW.COM.AU

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