

Craftperson Cladia Kelly Brings Velvet to Market

The Craft Line



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For St. Valentine's Day, milliner-trained day stall craftswoman Cladia Kelly, Cladia Kelly's Collection of Seattle, offers one-of-a-kind, oh-so-soft flowing jackets and scarves

in luxurious etched velvet. "Velvet is the most sensual and luxurious fabric for Valentine's Day," said Cladia Kelly, Cladia Kelly's Collection of Seattle. "Romance is about our senses and while not everyone thinks about the sense of touch, I'm always thinking about touch because I work in fabrics worn next to the skin." Unique and versatile, comfortable and wearable are Kelly jacket hallmarks. Her natural fiber, silk-based, etched-velvet jackets and scarves are washable and meant to be worn

everyday, not saved for a special occasion. Offered in romantic and contemporary fabric designs and colors, the jackets can be worn with nearly everything in a customer's closet, from dressing up jeans to lovely lingerie. Created from her own patterns, the jackets are mostly one-of-a-kind in any given size and fabric. Her pitch is, "My jacket sizes, which range from little, tiny size one petite to rubensque, comfortably fit nearly all."

Designed for almost year round wear, "rain doesn't hurt my garments which, because of our mild Seattle climate, can be worn most of the year," explains Kelly. "To meet all my customers' needs, I also have silk chiffon that can be comfortably worn, for example, in Panama. Velvet's three-dimensional texture, more apparent than many other fabrics, "is luminous in appearance." This tendency to be luminous in light causes velvet to reflect any color placed beside it. Kelly creates her own patterns. She is a trained milliner. Trained in pattern making which is mostly geometry and designing a patterns to make as few cuts as possible in the fabric. "I find non-Euclidian geometry, with its folding planes which scientists postulate may be involved in the folding of our universe and possible time travel, is more like joining fabric seams together than two-dimensional geometry." From unique fabric to finished garment, Kelly creates with careful attention to quality. "I start with the best quality fabrics available because I spent a lot of time working with these fabrics," she said. "I put extra time into cutting fabric straight of the gain so seams lay flat and are not going to twist and turn." Fabric is ironed after each step in the process. To increase wearing comfort, each seam edge is finished carefully. To finish each garment seam she uses a special rolled hem serger most often used for bridal veils, each seam is carefully ironed open before the next seam is sewn. Using the rolled hem serger makes her garments more durable because there are no loose threads to unravel plus it allows garments to be hand washed, which is good for the environment. "Etched-velvet carves are delightfully romantic, in and of themselves," said Kelly. "And you don't have to know size, or even think about size, for gift giving. The sensory pleasure of scarves keeps giving for as long as the recipient wears the scarf, a great reminder of the person



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Sumptuous natural fiber, etched-velvet designer jackets and scarves offer memorable and sensual Valentine's Day gifting options from the creativity of Cladia Kelly, Cladia Kelly's Collection, located near the Desimone Bridge in the North Arcade.

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who gave the scarf." Scarves in three lengths are available in a wide color palette and many patterns including floral, geometric and ethnic graphics. Kelly assists with color and length. She think a person's eyes are their most important feature, so any color that intensifies or emphasizes eyes will be the best color for a person. "Cooler tones are very popular, especially for people with blue or green eyes," said Kelly. "I'm most attracted to warmer tones, particularly anything in red, and I offer solid black with no adornment and a solid red." The thermal properties of silk allow it to hold air. Wrapping a silk scarf around the throat a couple of times keeps you warm without bulk. Her garments are easy care: hand wash in shampoo and cool water. Her hint is to always hand wash more delicate fabrics in shampoo because the ideal pH factor for human hair is ideal for silk, too. Gifts for gentlemen include over 400 clip-on bow ties, designed and created with the same quality as her other garments. "Whether cute, fun little things with hearts or the black taffeta that chauffeurs buy from me and bartenders and grocery clerks, too, I have the largest selection of clip-on bow ties in the area," Kelly said. Price points for jackets range from \$78 to \$158, for scarves \$12.95 to \$68 and for bow ties \$9 to \$14. "People feel good when they're wearing my garments," she said. "And, I accept special projects in person at my day stall." Thursday through Monday, look for Cladia Kelly's Collection at a day stall near the Desimone Bridge in the North Arcade. Telephone Kelly at 253 941-2665 or e-mail CK@claudiakelly.com

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