

# Lucy McNaught (b. 1982)



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My Name is Lucy McNaught & I'm from Hunterville in the North Island, New Zealand. I grew up in a hill country Farming community very similar to Kangaroo Island.

Growing up in the country I had a fantastic childhood spending long days riding my pony with friends through the hills. Often my Great Aunts and Granny would come and stay to help out. They were always creating; whether it was patchwork, a water colour or knitting & sewing. These days, looking back, my Great Aunts were my first teachers. One thing that always stuck was the first lesson: 'You may have an idea, but you must know how to present it'.

After five years of boarding school and taste of city life I decided to study Fashion & Design at Wanganui Ucol, and my extra tutoring in my early years paid off - my Aunts & Gran had given me an upper hand! The hours I'd spent painting, crafting & sewing had a hugely positive effect on my thought process. From concept to design & presentation, I was years ahead of others and I soon developed a method for the pieces you see today.

As we all know over the years life changes in many ways! After I finished studying I took my then partner (who is now my husband) to the country for a visit, and somehow he ended up learning and becoming a Sheep Shearer! After a few years of travelling the world we have settled (for now) at Emu Ridge, and I'm once again using the skills passed on from Generations before!