

# Mary Becker

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**T**here is great pleasure in making altered art, a new discipline for me. Suitcases, bags, purses, wooden boxes, shelves, cigar boxes and lately, shoes, are objects of fascination. I'm happiest when I'm up to my elbows in paint, ephemera, and assemblage materials.

I recently completed a series of altered boxes incorporating both familiar and newly acquired techniques. The constant stimulus of LA Experimental Artists workshops has pushed my boundaries offering new ways of seeing, new techniques to master.

Three-dimensional works will always intrigue me most but after a lifetime of fiber art, textiles and toy development I'm venturing into mixed media on canvas.



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**M**ary Becker's artistic career began as a fiber and textile artist. Her work includes embroidery, soft sculpture, off loom weaving, jewelry and clothing.

Her multi-media fiber art has been sold in galleries and gift shops throughout the United States. Mary's designs were licensed by major kit companies. She created paraments for churches and ministers seeking unique vestments.

During a career in the entertainment and toy industry, Mary created talking toys, plush toys, children's books & audio productions and their prototypes.

Assemblage is a perfect vehicle to incorporate multi-media training. Mary's current focus is altered containers.



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