



"Colors are good for the soul" is the guiding inspiration behind the work of artist Ellen Håkensen Faris. She combines elements of graphic design, photography and digital technology to create stunning pieces that feature bright and vivid colors. Through digital art and painting she is able to freely express her love of the full color spectrum without restriction.

Each piece begins with one of her own photographs and is then transformed into a graphic image on the computer. For her paintings, the image is then freehand-drawn and painted onto a blank canvas. Ellen creates all her own colors starting with the primary colors using quality interior and exterior latex paint along with acrylic paint.

Ellen studied art and graphic design at California College of the Arts, Academy of Arts University and UC Berkeley Extension. She operated her own graphic design studio, Design Plus, in the SF Bay Area for over thirty years. Ellen is now retired from her graphic design work and her focus is on her painting.

A native of Norway, her work is greatly influenced by and includes the landscape and lifestyle of the country. Ellen spends several months in Norway each year at her home on the edge of the sea. She enjoys hiking in the mountains as well as exploring the coastline in her kayak. Many of her paintings reflect the seaside life outside her door.

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Ellen signs her work with a dot, any color! ●

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