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Your Name: Emmy Starr

Company Name: emmy starr designs

Location: Wilton, Connecticut

How did you start designing jewelry? My mother taught me jewelry design after she took up metal smithing in her retirement home at age 75! It's never too late to learn something new!



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Where do you find inspiration for your designs? I want my jewelry to be simple and easy to wear, for day to day as well as for dress up. I am inspired by ease and comfort.

How often are you working on your jewelry designs? When am I NOT either creating, thinking about designs or working on the nuts and bolts of a handcrafted business? It's a lot of my time.

How would you describe your design style or technique? My delicate designs are timeless and easy to wear, sterling silver pieces with classic gemstones. Some people say it's "quiet" jewelry. I think it's simple, yet beautiful

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Do you work in any other mediums beside jewelry design? I am also a potter! Working with messy porcelain clay on the wheel is similar yet completely different than making jewelry. Both involve making something beautifully usable from simple elements. I adore both art forms but the clay has taken a back seat for the moment. The pretty stones and shiny silver have taken over my attention.

What is your favorite stone to work with and why? [Labradorite](#) and rainbow moonstone are my favorite gemstones. I love that they are neutrals that coordinate with everything but have the surprise flash of colors that make them far from ordinary. [Aquamarine](#) and [lapis](#) are high up on the list too. And [apatite](#)... I have a thing for blues...



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What is your favorite shape/ size to work with and why? The smaller the better for me. I love 2 and 3 mm faceted beads because they are so versatile. And I have really great magnifiers to help me see the little guys.

If you could pick one person living or not to wear your jewelry who would it be and why? My 17 year old daughter has been wearing a pair of my post earrings for over two years now. The greatest compliment is when your teenage daughter likes, and actually wears your jewelry. Priceless!

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