



## *optimistic art*

***A self-confessed craft addict, Melbourne's Penny Walker-Keefe is an emerging handmade designer, using recycled and found objects to create whimsical paper and textile collections.***

Finding inspiration in everything from folk rock and psychedelic colour to the motifs of exotic culture, Penny's work includes gorgeous fabric bangles, hand-woven wall hangings and delicate paper sculptures made from pre-loved journals, plastics and reclaimed fabrics.

Penny says growing up with creative parents gave her an ability to see everything has a second purpose. "I would figure out ways to make things myself out of available resources, if I couldn't afford the neat new materials from the shops. It became a way of life and I developed an eye for seeing the potential in the junk others dismissed."

Penny's latest project, *Nightmares*, exhibited at Sydney's World Bar in October and showcased a selection of new drawings and collages on handmade paper. {MK}

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