



TOBI CLEMENT



As a child, Tobi looked forward to spending time with her grandmother in North Carolina. They enjoyed time together working on a variety of craft projects. Tobi says “my grandmothers love of making beautiful things was passed down to me.” Her interest in sewing and design led her to pursue a career in fashion. She graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York City and spent the next seven years building a career as a fashion designer. In 1989 Tobi traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico seeking quiet time from the frenzied pace of the New York fashion industry. Waking early, she stepped outside, breathed in the clean high mountain air and watched the sun rise over this magical town. The light was unlike anything she had experienced living on the East Coast. Mesmerized by the adobe architecture, expansive skies and dramatic landscapes, Tobi knew in that moment that she was going to be calling New Mexico home. She moved to Santa Fe the following year and recreated herself as a hairstylist and opened her own salon. During her last ten years as a stylist, Tobi began to pursue the medium of pastels and developed herself as an artist.

Recently retired from a long and successful 25 year career as a hairstylist, she now enjoys exploring life as a full time artist, painting and teaching.



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