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Biography

Kat Atkins grew up in Port Macquarie, a small beachside town on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales. She has since spent many years travelling in Australia and abroad, and draws inspiration from her environment when creating her art.

Never shy to try something new, Kat has put her talents to a variety of jobs throughout her life – from entertaining crowds as an event host, to managing luxury accommodation in the Great Barrier Reef, and even throwing her lifesaving skills into the ring as a helicopter rescue swimmer.

One constant throughout Kat's life has been her passion for creating unique jewellery – initially for herself, and then for family and friends requesting their own personalised piece. Now, based on Queensland's Gold Coast, Kat has established One Leaf – carving out a niche to bring high-end, hand-made bespoke jewellery to the marketplace.

Artist Statement

"I envision a timeless piece of wearable art every time I embark on the design process.

"When creating custom-made pieces, I learn about the individual, and take their cues to create something that will truly express their soul.

"One Leaf is inspired by nature and made using natural products. Just like every leaf on every tree, no piece is exactly the same. Each design is as unique as the person wearing it."



The Quality

Kat sources her materials from all over the world, including gemstones and fair trade supplies. She then crafts every piece by hand in her studio, nestled between the Australian rainforest and beach. Every design is finished with 100% sterling silver.

One aspect that sets One Leaf apart from other jewellers is Kat's background in adventure and rescue. This has allowed Kat to create her own manufacturing niche.

She now uses this valuable knowledge in how to use durable materials and robust knots to yield long lasting, high quality jewellery.

The tying techniques she employs – although hidden in the finest material – ensure the weight of individual beads or stones is evenly distributed along the length of string. This means each piece isn't reliant on the clasp or finishing join for its survival.

Strings are threaded through a very small tear-shaped railing. This protects the line from rubbing directly on a sterling silver jump ring, which would usually wear thin over time or slip through a regular joining ring.

The main jump rings used are soldered closed, preventing them from opening or catching on anything. Meanwhile fine joining rings are of the highest 'hard snap' quality, ensuring a secure finish that will not open unless deliberately forced with a jeweller's tool.



The Designs

Like their namesake, One Leaf's designs are totally organic. While in her studio, Kat unleashes her creative mind and allows her hands to work freely. Ideas are inspired by her surrounds or a person's own individual style.

Kat handcrafts every piece, including the signature sterling silver leaf that finishes each One Leaf design. The chosen sterling silver pieces are sent to a caster where moulds are created and silver is poured. Once set in a kiln, the pieces are then finished by hand.

After she finishes each design, Kat switches to her photographic suit to personally capture the product in the environment it was inspired by. This makes One Leaf a truly one-of-a-kind brand bringing each customer on a breathtaking journey.





Testimonials

It has been a long time since anyone has given me a piece of jewelry. I am rather difficult to buy for and have very specific tastes when it comes to my wardrobe and especially my jewelry. With all that said what a pleasant surprise to receive a quality jade anklet that fits perfectly! It is constructed with fine jade beads and a lovely leaf symbolic of the company trademark. I was a little concerned about the clasp that could snag but no worries on this company's designs. A lovely birthday gift from my daughter. Love it! ~ Shari Sheldon

Hello, I stumbled across your website.

Beautiful jewellery! The way you have photographed all the pieces in nature, looks absolutely AMAZING!! Really enjoyed looking at your jewellery and have bookmarked your site to re-check for my sisters birthday presents later in the year.

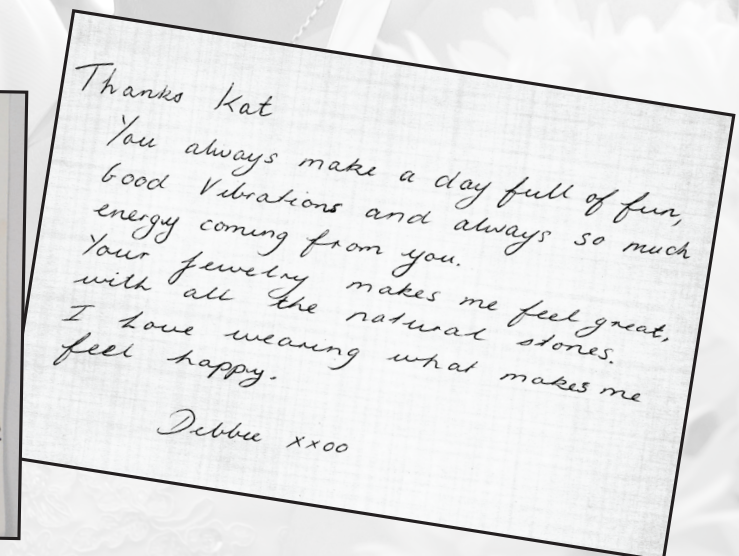
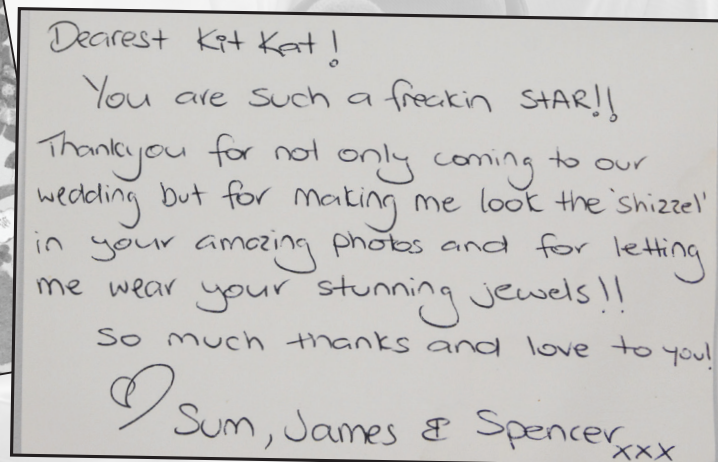
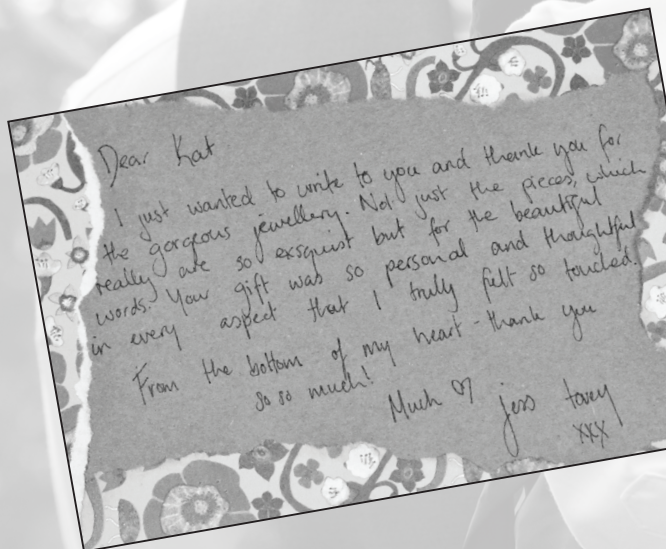
Sally :)

Thank you Kat, I'm sure my girlfriend is going to love wearing these with an assortment of summer fashions. She'll obviously want to know where I got them from so I'll give her your web details etc. Cheers.

Regards,

Trevor Newman

So many different colours and styles, there is something for every occasion. I can't get enough! ~ Catherine



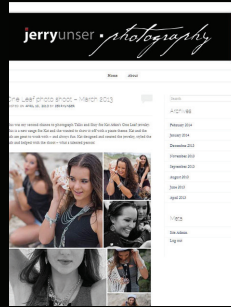
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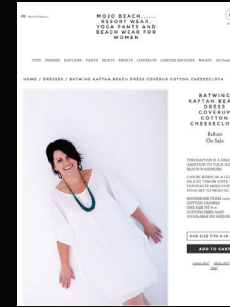
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Aspirations

"My vision is for One Leaf to become a world-renowned jewellery brand, creating original and unique pieces that cannot be found anywhere else in the world."

"I aspire to supply art galleries and resorts with exclusive bespoke ranges that represent their locations, and appeal to the clientele visiting them."

"One Leaf endeavors to be an ethical corporation, providing jobs for Australians who require flexible working hours around family commitments, as well as providing benefits to third-world communities across the globe."

Kat xx

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