

Artists has designs on TV star's wares

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TV star and designer Jacqui Joseph has selected the work of a Farnham artist to sell at her established online shop.

The presenter and producer, who has worked on shows such as ITV's GMTV, Daybreak and Lorraine, will soon be selling the work of Susie Lidstone, from Trinity Hill, on her jacquijoseph.com website.

"My range of cushions, tea towels, cosmetic bags and scatter trays will be launched by Jacqui very soon," said Susie.

"She has a big online presence and I noticed her on Facebook at the beginning of the year and felt that my work might be a good fit. We e-mailed and talked and came up with two strong designs to start my range.

"She hasn't had any floral designs before but as florals are strong within interior design and the fash-

ion industry at the moment she felt the time was right. My artist page is already on her website."

This comes as Susie negotiates another exciting deal, this time with Waterstone's, the national chain of bookshops.

Following an introduction from Creative Coverage, where she is a member, her range of cards, notebooks and tea towels will soon also be stocked in both the High Street and The Brooks Shopping Centre branches in Winchester.

It's a busy time of year for Susie because from October 8 to October 31 she has four paintings in an exhibition at the Oil and Water Gallery in London.

"I also have my stand at The Landmark Autumn Art Fair at Teddington from October 16-18 where I will have paintings, prints, cushions, tea towels, notebooks and pencil case/makeup bags on display."

Then from October 24-31 Susie has a solo show at The Museum of Farnham, which forms part of craft

month in Farnham.

"I'm running a workshop on Saturday, October 24, in the museum where children can help me create a large-scale collage of a well-known landmark in Farnham," she continued, adding that this is a free event.

During the exhibition Susie will also be painting the Christmas card image for the museum's shop.

From November 7 to the end of January, Susie's work will also feature in the Gallery Fifty Five Winter exhibition in Hampshire.

Susie then takes a stand at the Christmas fair at Farnham Maltings on Tuesday, December 8, and Wednesday, December 9, from noon to 9pm.

"In order to be a successful artist it is also imperative to be commercially astute," said Susie, who has now also launched a new tea towel and cushion range with bespo.co.uk and has an ongoing exhibition at The Art Cafe in Whitby, Yorkshire.

Visit susielifstone.com.



Farnham artist Susie Lidstone at work

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