

Adam Trest was inspired to start Adam Trest Home when he was faced with this terrifying realization: he had no idea what he wanted to do with his fine arts degree. He escaped to living on a sailboat, away from the hustle and bustle of life, where he had time to reflect and discover what he really wanted to do with this life.

When he finally brought himself to that realization, Adam moved back home to Laurel, MS and started building his brand. He wanted to create art that makes people smile and think, and more importantly, remind them of the memories they have of life in the South.

Four of Adam's favorite aspects of Southern life are agriculture, architecture, life on the water, and Southern folklore. The first fabric designs he ever made was called *Southern Toile*, and it depicted all of those part of Southern life. Southern culture is at the heart of every design he makes. Creating something beautiful from something rough is what grit really means to Adam. It's not easy, but it's worth all the reward in the end.

The small business owner is Adam's personal hero, and after becoming one himself, he gained a new sense of respect for them. Small business owners are the movers and shakers of communities. They step up to coach teams, volunteer, donate what they can when they can, and rally behind fundraisers. They spend all of their time working and giving back in what little free time they have.

Adam's work is inspired by his life experiences and stories from his childhood. His favorite childhood memory is Christmas of 1993, when he and his family spent the holiday in Tennessee with his uncle and cousins. This Christmas was special—it was the first Christmas he spent away from home and the first time he realized that he wanted to own his own business at just 7 years old.