

DECATOM & LAURA FRENCH ACCESSORIES DESIGNER



Ever since she was a little girl in France, Agnes Nivelle has loved to make things with her hands. Although she majored in microbiology at university then worked for many years as "oenologue" (a wine tester), her desire to create beckoned her.

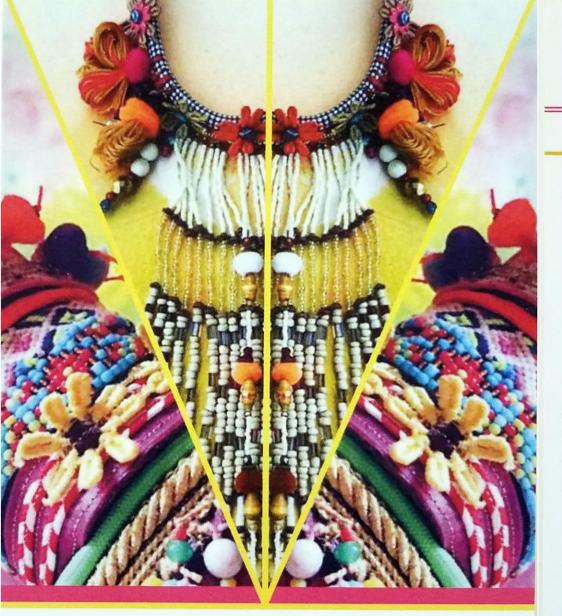
« I see each of my accessories as a work of art, almost like a painting that you would hang on the wall, only you carry it with you. »

Finally, about 20 years ago, she started designing children's clothing then women's fashion accessories, making hats, belts, scarves, necklaces and head bands for boutiques in Paris and Bordeaux. In 2011, Agnes moved to South Florida "after a long and beautiful trip" across the Atlantic in a sail boat. Crossing the Atlantic and visiting unique island shops along the way provided Agnes an "ocean" of inspiration for her accessories line (named "Decatom et Laura" after her children, Camille, Thomas and Laura). Today, she makes tote bags and clutches from reclaimed sails and nautical cords, and she pieces together necklaces, bracelets, earrings and key rings from beads, stones and other objects that she has collected. She embellishes her accessories with feathers, bits of leather and fabric, ribbons, pompons and other ephemera. Each piece is handmade and one-of-a-kind.

« I love color and energy, and I love sharing my love of color and energy by creating statement pieces that women can be proud to wear. »

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NECKLACES • BRACELETS • EARRINGS • KEY CHAINS

This one-of-a-kind item is hand-made by French native (now South Florida resident) Agnes Nivelle of Decatom et Laura.

> « I like to share what I am feeling in my pieces, and I often feel happy, energetic and colorful. »

Using rare beads and stones, bits of leather, fabric and ribbon, nautical cords, vintage tassels and other ephemera that she has collected in her travels, Agnes creates singular works of art - statement pieces - that mix old and new, classic and modern.

> « I hope to share those feelings with the women who wear my pieces. »

Even the tiniest details, such as a string of beads hanging from a leather tag, are of Agnes' design.

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CLUTCHES • TOTE BAGS

This one-of-a-kind item is hand-made by Agnes Nivelle of Decatom et Laura using reclaimed sail textiles.

« These sails lived fantastic lives, exposed to wind and sun and salt water. »

A French native, Agnes moved to the United States in 2011 by way of sailing across the Atlantic on a sailboat. Her journey inspired her to create her totes and clutches. While the material is clean, the spots and blemishes that you see are natural results of use on the open sea.

« To me, these sails are alive and full of energy and vitality. I like to think that any woman who carries one is carrying that energy and spirit with her. »

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