

## KRISTEN DORSEY

Tribal Affiliation: Chickasaw

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Kristen Dorsey is a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation and believes jewelry is a sacred narrative. The materials and techniques used reflect her passion for the history of adornment within southeastern Native American cultures. Each piece reflects unique historical and cultural perspectives. Kristen draws upon historic Chickasaw stories highlighting women in leadership roles.

Chickasaw jewelry is characterized by shell carving, copper relief sculpture and freshwater pearls. Using Mississippian imagery from shell and copper gorgets as her inspiration, Dorsey creates pieces that reference the materials and designs of her Chickasaw ancestors.

Kristen firmly believes culture is never lost, only forgotten. Creating timeless jewelry rooted in tradition while maintaining a contemporary edge and elegance is her way of remembering.

Examples of Kristen's artwork, below:









