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I have enjoyed browsing the beautiful artwork you that have listed through Etsy, and in particular I love your gorgeous Christmas stockings. I write to inquire if you might be interested in helping me create a special Christmas stocking for my new baby that connects him with my parents.

Both of my parents died several years ago. My father never knew any of my four boys. My mother knew my first (Griffin, now four years old), and knew that I was pregnant with twins (Cale and Dillon, now two years old) when she died. But she never met the twins, and she never even knew this little boy I just had was to exist.

My older three boys have special Christmas stockings that relate directly to my parents, and I love pulling the stockings out in November and talking with them about their absent grandparents. My mother started a needlepoint stocking for Griffin, and her nurse finished it for her when she was too sick to work on it herself. Cale and Dillon are each named after one of my parents, and I have given them each the respective parents' Christmas stocking. The stockings were made by my mom when I was born. Below are pictures of the three stockings (before I changed the names on Cale and Dillon's):



I have been struggling to think how I can create an equivalently special stocking for my newborn, Brier (<http://www.teevan.org/brier>). One idea I have is to construct his stocking from the scraps of fabric I have left over from a quilt I made for my mother (<http://www.teevan.org/quilt>). The quilt was built of squares from all of the people in her life that loved her.

The base fabric for the quilt, pictured right, contains several Christmas colors that could be drawn out in the stocking. There are deep reds and dark greens, and gold thread is used throughout as an accent. I do not have a lot of the fabric left over, but it could be patched together with red, gold, and green fabrics.



I also have a lot of the other fabrics I used in the quilt, including a dark brown and several textured beige fabrics. The blue square pictured below is from a work shirt of my fathers, and was included in the quilt as representative of him.



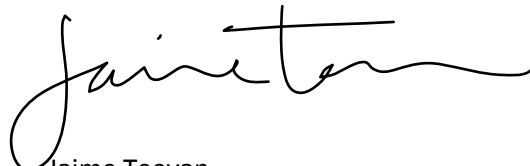


Another option I have considered for Brier's Christmas stocking is creating it from some fabric my grandmother brought my mother from India when she was a child. The fabric (pictured left) is a gorgeous green silk with gold detailing, and perhaps more obviously "Christmas-y" than the quilt fabric.

I write asking for your help because I believe you could make what will certainly be a special Christmas stocking also be a true work of art. I have very few constraints for the project other than that it contain at least some of the fabric listed above, and that it includes Brier's name. To be consistent with the other children's stockings, it should probably be larger than the ones you have listed on Etsy (perhaps 18" or 20" from the heel to the top), but it could also be significantly less intricate. There is no hurry with the project, and I would be happy to see it completed any time before Christmas 2009.

If you believe this is something you would be interested in working on, please let me know. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. My email address is teevan@gmail.com. If you would prefer to discuss it in person, my phone number is 425/556-9753. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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