

Fursat — फ़र्सत — فرصت

leisurely creativity and personal reflection

Thank you for your interest in *Fursat*, a textile art workshop series featuring hand-painted kalamkari from Andhra Pradesh and embroidering techniques from Gujarat, India.

Inspired by the concept of *Fursat*, a term used across South Asian languages which invokes a unique sense of “leisure,” “reflection,” and “wisdom,” the goal of this workshop will be to comfortably learn textile techniques while collectively sharing and reflecting upon our personal goals and achievements.

The inspiration to seek out *Fursat*—understood both as a *state of being* and a *way of thinking*—comes from my own experiences surviving life as a “creative” during the last two years of the pandemic. This period included big life tasks, like starting a small business and consulting for major arts organizations, to smaller but equally important life milestones, like moving house, travelling, and beginning new friendships. Despite setting clear goals for myself at the beginning of every month, I found myself failing to allow time to reflect back on my personal progress and to adjust accordingly. Many friends and peers told me they had similar experiences. I thus decided to combine a need for a space of compassionate reflection with my love for Indian heritage textiles.

With this invitation, I welcome you to join me on a journey of *Fursat*..

When:

the **last weekend of every month**, January through December 2023.

Where:

in-person at my home-studio in Brooklyn, NYC: last Friday evening of each month (6-8pm ET)

virtually via zoom: last Sunday evening of each month (8-10pm ET)

What you need to know:

Everyone will first receive a blank pre-mordanted piece of fabric to create a “calendar” in their own style. Each session, we will gather for about 2 hours and update our calendars while sharing and learning from each other. No previous experience with textile arts is required. I will instruct and mentor group members in various textile techniques via live demonstrations. You will learn techniques such as: kalamkari, mirror embroidery, soof, desi bharat, aari, applique, and more.



Fee:

	In-Person	Virtual
3 months (3 sessions)	\$120	\$100
12 months (12 sessions)	\$400	\$350
Material kit (one-time purchase)	\$50	\$50

Material kits are required, and include:

- Pre-mordanted cotton fabric
- Bamboo pens for kalamkari
- Black natural dye ink
- Red natural dye ink
- Embroidery threads
- Embroidery hoop & needle

To Proceed:

Kindly fill out the registration form: <https://forms.gle/zg5odZr9tifFkpxGA>

Once I have your details; I will send you a confirmation and calendar schedule of the workshop dates by January 15, 2023.

The last date to register is **January 15, 2023**

Notes on inclusion:

I recognize the range of vulnerable and complex variables that comprise individual financial circumstances and offer limited sliding fees accordingly.

I also recognize that life happens and there is flexibility on interchanging the session type (aka from in-person to virtual and vice versa)

There will be a recording sent in case you miss joining a session.

Please write to me on nikita.untitled@gmail.com to discuss. ♥

Love & fursat,

