

Fursat — फुरसत — فرصت

leisurely creativity and textile arts

Thank you for your interest in *Fursat*, a textile art workshop series featuring textile crafts from South Asia. The inspiration to seek out *Fursat*—understood both as a *state of being* and a *way of thinking*—started from my own experiences surviving life as a “creative” during the years of the pandemic and combating “homesickness” as an immigrant.

Inspired by the concept of *Fursat*, a term used across South Asian languages that 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 creating.

Having spent over a decade at the grassroots in India with artisan communities, I’ve come to learn how these practices are more than just learning the techniques. It is the coming together, the sense of sharing, the pure upliftment of one another, of creating and eventually meditating back into our center. Practices that are an antithesis to the always churning, capitalistic world around us. These practices have saved my life. Literally. Through these workshops, I pass on these traditions.

With this invitation, I welcome you to join me in fursat

FURSAT-01

What you need to know:

This series is for someone who is curious about South Asian textiles and wants to start their journey. The workshops give you a brief history of the craft leading into practicing it hands-on. No previous experience with textile arts is required. I will instruct and mentor group members in various textile techniques via live demonstrations and practices. You will learn techniques such as kalamkari, mirror embroidery, soof, desi bharat, aari, applique, and more. These sessions are designed as a group of 5 going from Kalamkari to embroidery, but stand individually too and can be taken at any time!

When:

January through May 2024.

Last Friday of each month (6-8ish pm)

Dates: Jan 26th, Feb 23rd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st

Where:

in-person at my home studio in Brooklyn, NYC.

Cost:

\$450 for 5 sessions including materials or \$100 per session.

To Proceed:

Kindly fill out the registration form: <https://forms.gle/9og2xrHiLimHzzUt5>

The last date to register is **January 10, 2024**

Once I have your details; I will send you a confirmation and calendar schedule of the workshop dates by January 15, 2024.

FURSAT-02

What you need to know:

This series is for individuals who have already been a part of Fursat 2023 **and those who already have a base knowledge of textiles and crafts**. I invite you to our little parties to get to know the crafts and community deeper. This is your calling!

For Fursat-02, I invite you to pick one (or two at the most) craft(s) for us to delve deeper into. (Painted and Dyed Textiles and Embroideries). Where do you want to get with it will be on you. It could be an actual product, or a workbook, or a piece of art. We will discuss this!

Delving deeper into the technique and skill of the craft, we would look at the process of creation. We would look at processes taught within institutional structures v/s the process of creation of an artisan. We would delve deeper into what fursat means in the mind, body, and technique of an artisan.

When:

January through May 2024.
Second Friday of each month (6-8 pm)
Jan 19th , Feb 9th , March 8th , April 12th , May 10th

Where:

in-person at my home studio in Brooklyn, NYC.

Cost:

\$350 for 5 sessions including materials.

To Proceed:

Kindly fill out the registration form: <https://forms.gle/rGGMkFDA6hWjVAbt5>

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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 in compensating for a missed class.

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

Love & fursat,

