



JESSIE WINNIE

Jessie Winnie's story as an artist is special for many reasons. At a young age, she was diagnosed with a type of Cerebral Palsy that impaired her motor skills. Jessie's muscles were "loose" and she was unable to hold anything.

"My arms would flop around, plus I had tremors where my hand would shake. It was hard to keep my hand steady so when I started to learn how to draw, I would stab holes in the paper but it was the only way I could control the pencil. I would sit outside on the porch with my dad and we would draw together. He was my teacher. Over time, I learned how to control the pencil and strengthened my muscles. Now I am stronger but when my arm is really tired, my hand will still shake."

Jessie started doing art at the age of 8. She was born in Sedalia, Missouri but grew up in Warrensburg, Missouri. Jessie has taken classes at Art Inspired Academy for almost three

years and this is her second time as a featured artist with Art Inspired. When asked what the creative process means to her, she replied, "Expressing my feelings, creating things. I like when people say, "I like it" and "good job" because when I was a kid, I had a hard time speaking and it was hard to understand people."

***Jessie is showcasing a collection of
bean and seed mosaics.***

