



Title: Trashy

Artist: Robi Sallee

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Artist Biography: My love for art began at an early age as I adorned walls and school desks with my creations. After graduating from Virginia Tech's Art Department with honors, I took some time off from art to start a family. My husband and I have four wonderful and unique daughters and live in a beautiful 100+ year old farm house in Blacksburg surrounded by hay fields and farms. If that isn't enough artistic inspiration, my son loves to travel. On his most recent trip to Nepal and India, he took enough photos to keep me in paint for quite a few years.

My primary medium is acrylic, but I also love watercolor as well as just about any other creative medium. I try to use reclaimed or recycled products as much as possible in my artwork. My husband's company builds houses and I often sift through the leftover construction materials to find wood and other items to paint on or for collages or frames trying to make something beautiful out of what would normally go into a landfill. Awards include: Third Place, Art Through the Ages Exhibit, The Artful Lawyer First Award of Distinction, New River Art Biennial 2015, Second Place, Art at the Market Blacksburg 2016; Honorable Mention, Art at the Market 2017

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Art Statement: Trashy is a creature born of the 'plastic trash islands' that we have created in our natural seas. Size: 4' x 3' (+/-) and will be floating in the water. I wanted to create a mythical creature using non-biodegradable trash, aka plastics. His body contains 2 weeks of plastic water bottles from my brother, bubble wrap from various packages and a year's worth of used coffee bags. I hope he makes you think about PRE-cycling as well as recycling.

