



Every now and again we are going to offer you a look inside the working studios of our Artisans members. We hope you will enjoy these sneak peeks at the places where silver and clay, fabric and paint, wood and glass become the beautiful finished arts and crafts that grace the shelves and walls of our shop.

## Deb Wester's Painting Loft

When Deb and Will bought their house on the edge of Cazenovia, they knew that it wasn't going to be quite big enough to raise a family. So right away, they made a plan to remove the old lean-to at the back of the house and replace it with an airy light-filled room that would become a family room. But then their idea got even better: they decided to build a loft above the family room so that Deb would always have a dedicated space for her paintings that capture the natural beauty of our part of New York. She often heads to the loft in the wee hours of the morning, before anyone in the house is awake, and takes advantage of the quiet in the house and the rest of the world. This is the time when she can collect her thoughts and her vision and apply them to the canvas on her easel.



*The stairs leading to the painting loft*



*Colors are the most basic material here.*



*Lots of brushes at attention.*



*A lovely still life.*



*A cow selfie on the easel*



*Her palette*



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