

# Quilt Visions 2020

Meet Karen Rips  
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## Artwork on Display

*Perinatal Depression*

I make art as a way of expressing my perception of the world around me. I create my own fabric using a variety of surface design techniques, then experiment to bring the piece alive, often by incorporating ideas and elements from previous creations. The hours I spend in my studio nearly every day are fueled by the energy of having created something that has never existed before. Over the years, I have made a considerable investment in my studio space, since I find that my time there is creative, stress relieving, and liberating as well.

Fiber is my medium of choice because it is tactile, easily manipulated, and allows itself to be altered in many different ways. Tactile elements are important in my work because they give the piece even more reason to get up close and look at the art.

### Artist Statement

My recent work has been an examination of loss, grief and mental illness from the standpoint of an observer. This allows the art to be seen from any point of reference.