



**BEVERLY DAWSON &
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FIBER**

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For nearly 15 years, Beverly Dawson and Lynda Sanders have been collaborating to create decorative fiber pieces. Inspired by traditional Asian art, Dawson and Sanders have created a wall kimono with matching silk pillows. The wall kimono measures 4 feet x 3 feet and hangs on a brushed-brass dowel. The pillows are 22-inch square. All three are pieced, machine appliquéd and embroidered and hand beaded of duppioni silk, silk brocade and metallic silk. The muted colors and the Asian-inspired design elements in the kimono are echoed in the pillows to create an over-all feeling of peaceful repose.



Creating together is an exciting reciprocal process and a fortunate compliment of skills. They began collaborating in 1993, each bringing to the partnership many years of sewing experience and a love of surface design and detail. Many of the traditional motifs in Asian art such as the kimono, the fan and objects in nature translate well into their designs. They are equally drawn to the asymmetry and expressive use of negative space in traditional Asian art. Often the images capture the beauty of the natural world—bare branches against a winter sky, drops on new spring leaves, dragonflies flickering in the sun. Their design work makes use of a variety of silk fabrics that are unequalled for saturation of color, subtle textures and versatility.