

## **Hayley's art and design career started when she was 3 years old...**

Hayley's parents were re-carpeting the family home when Hayley innocently requested that she might have HOT pink carpet in her bedroom! Between her mother's horror and her father's surprise, somewhere in them, they saw her creative vision and big thanks to them, Hayley's wish was granted! Hayley's HOT pink carpeted sanctuary no doubt was the inspiration for her love of colour, clearly evident in her work ever since.

Since then, she has gained a degree in Interior Design in Melbourne, Australia, lived and worked as a designer and artist in Melbourne, Dublin, London, and New York City. Hayley has been part of exhibitions in Melbourne, London and Antwerp. Currently she resides in Brooklyn, New York with her American husband and is working towards a group art show on Long Island in mid September 2009. She is also currently furthering her fine art education and making a name for herself at New York City's School of Visual Arts (SVA).

"My work is about colour, happiness, joy, love, life, home and my love of Australia – it's light, people and landscape. I feel that growing up in Australia has been a huge inspiration for the bright colours and exuberant emotion that are evoked in my work. My work is mixed media – collage of photos that I have taken masked with paint, spray paint, crayon, pens and pencil."

Hayley's current work references some of the things that she is experiencing now living in New York; the little idiosyncrasies that are New York and their complete unfamiliarity to her. Hayley is incredibly interested in the idea of home and what home actually means. As she has lived in a number of cities across the world, she is constantly analysing what and where home actually is. Is it a physical place or space? Is it a person? On a more artistic level, is it her work? Does the physical work that she creates feel like home, feel right? Why does painting in pink feel more like home and painting in blue is incredibly difficult?

Maybe because of that HOT pink carpet???!!!