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## the story of my studio

Welcome to the place where the exciting arty stuff happens!!



hello my lovely subscribers

Welcome to those of you who are newly subscribed, thanks for joining me. In this newsletter I'm going to introduce you to my studio at the top of the garden - this is where all the exciting stuff happens. I'm also sharing links to some of my serious studio envy - other artists who have just beautiful studio spaces.

When we first moved into our cottage in 2001 there was an old tumbledown brick built structure at the end of the garden with a dividing wall down the middle. On one side was the oil tank and the other half was used for storing our garden equipment, DIY paraphernalia, bikes, BBQs etc. I didn't used to give it much thought until I needed to find something. the back wall was falling down due to rampant ivy and there were many holes in the roof!

After completing my Foundation course in Art and Design and I knew that art and creativity was something I wanted to pursue I happily made use of our spare room until I began to outgrow the space. I had always secretly wondered what it would be like to have my own artist studio and when a friend of ours offered to do the conversion back in 2008 I knew it was now or never. This 'what-if' became a reality!! The work took place over several months and by the end of the summer I was moving in. That was 13 years ago and I've never looked back.

Here are some of the images from the renovation - its; great have these to look back on reflect how much life has changed over these last few years.



Since the studio was completed I have spent countless hours in here, I couldn't even hazard a guess but I would say thousands, I thank my lucky stars to have such a peaceful haven away from the hustle and bustle of life. From my desk and work table I'm able to gaze down our ever changing cottage garden, watch the sparrows

having a bath in our wonky drainpipe, listening to the birds singing and watch my tomatoes and sunflowers growing.

Through lockdown my studio has become even more invaluable as my NHS job initially saw me working from home. It then became my art therapy studio when I started to work with my art therapy clients online.

It's in a constant state of organised chaos and I find myself always trying to declutter and tidy up but it soon ends up a mess once again, as my art supplies, paper, boards, books, sketchbooks and art therapy materials all vie for space.

Next time (after I've tidied) I will give you a guided tour and show you in more detail what my studio looks like inside

In the mean time feast your eyes on these amazing studio spaces that I've spotted on instagram this week.

## studios with the WOW factor



### Amanda Heath Art Studio

Amanda Heath's new studio caught my eye over on Instagram this week. Until recently she has been working from her kitchen table and now she has this lovely new space to move into. Isn't it gorgeous? You can find out more about her and her work [here](#)



### Maryanne Hawes Studio

Maryanne Hawes is an artist who works between Wales and Cornwall. Her newsletter is the kind I aspire to write (it's definitely worth signing up for )and her instagram account is full of amazing images of her work and her beautiful studio space. [Follow her here](#)



### Tara Leaver Art Studio

I've been following Tara Leaver since the days she lived in Brighton and have followed her on her journey down to Cornwall. She bought and renovated an old barn and her studio in the garden is to die for. You can find out more about here [here](#) and you can



### Amy Dennis Art

Another studio which grabbed my attention this week on Instagram was that of Scottish Artist, [Amy Dennis](#) (and her dog is just so cute!!) I think he even has his own studio chair!! I love her work, her landscapes are so evocative and atmospheric and I especially love the colour

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of her studio space. It  
really sets off her work.

Next time i will show you around the inside of my studio space and give you an  
idea of what's been going on in here recently!!



Original Artwork

## Off The Beaten Path

This beautiful original artwork is the featured image this month. It was inspired  
by spring time walks in North Yorkshire. You can find out more about it by  
clicking on the image or the button below and this will take you to my online  
shop. I just love this mixed media piece and the memories it brings back of  
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