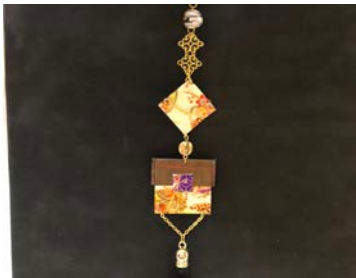


# MARTINE LETOCART



- **CRAFT/PROFESSION**

Martine LETOCART designs jewellery, pictures and boxes made from paper. She employs origami or quilling techniques using various types of paper. Some of her designs are varnished or coated with resin to make them stronger and longer-lasting.



- **BACKGROUND**

At Tokyo airport, when she was travelling, Martine happened to see an origami exhibition which impressed her. She was inspired by scenes of city or country life entirely fashioned from meticulously folded paper and was keen to learn the skill herself.



Martine did a course at the Art Centre where she learned the basics of origami. She then perfected her technique by watching videos online, and designed her first jewellery, necklaces and earrings. After showing her designs at two exhibition and sale events, she decided to develop her work by adopting a more professional approach.



- **INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS**

Martine draws her inspiration from many sources: designs she sees on internet, in magazines or worn by people she meets. “Sometimes, it’s an idea that just comes to me, often at night... And although some designs have similarities, I very rarely make the same thing twice” she explains.