



## • CRAFT/PROFESSION

Mireille BERTRAND-LECHOPIED is a retired teacher. Following her retirement, she became interested in handicrafts, particularly fabric painting.

Depending on the orders she has or the exhibitions she needs to prepare for, Mireille can spend from a few hours a week to 7 hours a day on creating her designs. Using special paints, she paints on household linen, bags and fashion accessories.



## • BACKGROUND

Mireille has always loved using her hands to create, and painting and drawing have been lifelong hobbies. Sewing is another of her interests. Quite simply, she adores creating things with her hands.



"Once I had retired and had more time, I turned to craftwork. I began by painting on silk, then on cotton and on all kinds of fabrics", she explains. Mireille took a course to learn about techniques and the products she

needed to use. With time and personal experience, she gained in confidence and grew expert.

## • INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Using her own stencils, Mireille embellishes bed linen sets, table linen and aprons. She also paints designs on t-shirts and scarves, and creates a range of accessories such as spectacle cases and pouches. "I make most of the items I decorate and that means I can really personalise my work".

Under Mireille's magic touch, flowers, birds, landscapes, local art, lagoon shells and fish, portrayed in colours as close to nature as possible, subtly embellish the simplest of fabrics to create a unique artwork.

New Caledonia's natural beauties are her key source of inspiration. Mireille can also create designs to order and execute personal motifs chosen by her customers.