

BINA'S BLACK BAMBOO DRAWING TOOLS , INKS AND PIGMENTS INFORMATION SHEET



ECO FRIENDLY - SUSTAINABLE - RECYCLABLE - ORGANIC - VEGAN – ZERO CARBON EMISSION

I would like to introduce my unique handmade selection dip pens & mark making tools made from Black Bamboo – *Phyllostachys nigra*. I planted a few canes around eleven years ago not realising they would be quite so fast growing and invasive, as they have now established and spread profusely all along the perimeters of my garden. Over the years I have used these beautiful stems for various uses in the garden and my studio; where I have adopted them into various mark making tools, pens and brushes, using them for my art practise: from painting, printmaking to ceramic's. Over the years I have harvested them at different maturity for various purposes and made them into a variety of dip pens and other mark making tools that served me perfectly well to achieve a variation in the thickness of lines. Initially I could not understand why these dip pens felt so perfectly balanced and comfortable to hold and use. And then I noticed there was something quite unique about this variety as it has an unusual, unique ridged flat side which can be seen as a hollow 'D' shape when cut into a cross section. This I felt was a great advantage as it allowed me to not only to shave a much flatter and even nib in various widths, but it also provided a larger surface to grip giving me more stability and control when using them.

Average length of dip pens/brushes 30 -35cm, Mark making tools – 20-25cm

*Longer, thicker or specific sizes are available on request.

*At times the black bamboo stems are green in colour when freshly cut and will gradually turn into beautiful shades of browns and blacks as they dry.

* I often test dip pens with diluted sumi ink before dispatch in order to check the ink flow and for any defects, and hence may retain a light black stain.

*If you prefer a clean nib, please let me know in advance.

BOTANICAL INKS & EARTH PIGMENTS

I make a variety of inks made from walnut hulls and oak galls that I gather when in season, and often collect earth pigments from my travels. These are packed in 45ml screw top plastic tube containers that make it easier for shipping.

I hope my unique drawing tools, inks and pigments bring you as much pleasure!

