

We chat to Fiadh Durham, the lady behind the eponymous Fiadh Woven Designs which is inspired and made on the Dingle peninsula. Fiadh's shop is located on Main Street and her beautiful scarves, baby blankets, cardigans and headbands can be found in Brown Thomas and on her online shop.

Why do you love what you do ?

I feel privileged to be able to share my love and enthusiasm for things I find beautiful with others and the process in which it's done. Starting with the inspirational photos from my rambles in nature and then working with my team designing and making pieces by hand and finally seeing the finished product being worn and enjoyed.

What was your career path to where you are now ?

I went to art college with the idea to study fashion design and realised in core year that it was more with textiles where my future lay. I then specialised in woven textiles for my degree.

Everything I did following that was with a mission to learn and it still is. From working in the industry while continuing my own creative work, traveling to different parts of the world to meet designers, weavers and then setting up my own weaving business.



Tell me about a typical day for you and your business.

My day normally starts with admin and planning, followed by designing, weaving or making. It always changes and that can be challenging but it's also why I enjoy it.

Is there any particular designer that you really admire ?

In fashion I'm a fan of the likes of Teatum Jones for use of colour and pattern in fabrics. I do like Patagonia products and what they are about as a brand. And I'm lucky to have two very talented painter friends from the Corca Dhuibhne - Áine Ní Chaoibhán and Honora O'Neill who are also inspired by the sea.

Give me two things that inspire you ?

Finding unusual but beautiful patterns in nature.

Seeing other creative people express their art/ideas in their own ways.



Tell me about your idea of a perfect day in Dingle

Grab some delicious take away food from Thyme out, head up Mount Eagle for a picnic, down to Coumeenole for sunset surf followed by a pint in Dick Mack's. All with my lovely friends!

What is your favourite part of the day ?

Taking my time with my porridge and coffee in the morning and mindfully preparing myself for the day. Very appreciative that I can do that.

Where is your favourite place on the Dingle peninsula ?

Cúl Dorcha Beach because I grew up just up the road from there and I feel like it's a bit of an unknown little gem of a spot looking out at Árd Na Caithne harbour ?

If you won the Lottery what would be the first thing you would do ?

I would like to be able to help and support the development of renewable fibers that can be domestically produced such as wool, hemp and flax. Also to build a multidisciplinary textile