

Virginia and her husband, Lynn built their Australian outback-style home—situated on a mesa in southern Colorado—10 years ago.



# virginia robertson

Because water has to be hauled to their unique home, Virginia and Lynn use only native plants and rainwater or gray water for all outside watering.



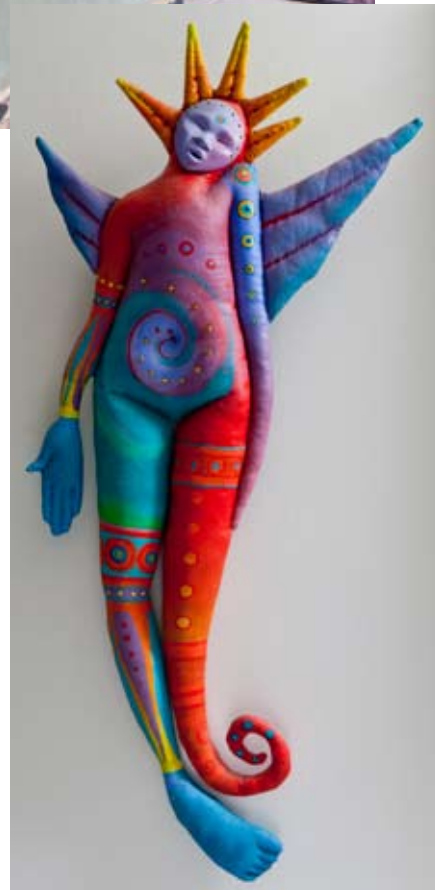


Their airy, bright home is a functional art gallery for her many quilts and custom-made dolls.



Far-ranging views of the Four Corners area surround the house and give it an expansive, peaceful ambience.

Virginia is a formally trained artist, with a Master's in Fine Arts, and she's worked in many media, including soft sculpture and painting.





*My Teapot Collection* holds pride of place on the dining room wall. A Dresden Plate variation table runner is on the table. In the background, you can see some of Virginia's art-quilt tributes to famous artists, including Van Gogh, O'Keefe and Picasso.

Another view of the Dining Room, accented by more of Virginia's signature batik brights worked into bold designs.





Another of Virginia's impromptu shrines, with pieces of art she's collected through her travels.



Much of the art that attracts Virginia's attention reflects her love of color, form and bold graphics.



Virginia's love of color and bold design are obvious in every room, even the bedrooms.



Another view of her studio, and her ample inventory of buttons and trims.

Virginia says she teaches options for students, not rules. And when it comes to her own options for designing, keeping them well organized is the key to knowing what there is to work with.

More of Virginia's signature dolls.



Virginia pushes hard on her quilt designing all winter—as does Lynn on filling orders for her business—so they can play just as hard during the warm weather months. ATVing is one of their go-to activities.



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