



INTERVIEW WITH MONICA TRAN

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We recently invited Monica Tran, current Cert IV student in Glass and Glazing – Designed Glass to design our inaugural Glaas Inc fundraising sticker.

Monica thoughtfully combined her skills as an illustrator with her love of glass to produce two designs for us, featuring lovely compositions of tools and materials.

Glaas Inc is thrilled with the designs and her generosity, and we knew you'd want to know more about Monica, so we asked her some questions.

Who are you and what do you do?

I'm Monica, an illustrator and beginner glass artist. I was introduced to glass last year in the Cert III course and have enjoyed working with it since. I'm interested in experimenting with mixed-media and exploring ways I can incorporate my love for illustration into my glass works.

Your work holds a sense of wonder, joy, and humour. What brings you joy in other areas of your life?

I find joy in being around friends and family, the outdoors, music, film, food and working on creative projects.

If you could take a masterclass with any glass artist – who would it be?

I don't have a particular glass artist in mind, but I'd love to try flameworking. I feel like there's only so much you can plan when working with something so immediate. That leaves some room for spontaneity and surprise.

Podcast, music or silence in the studio?

I usually start the day in silence which helps to clear my mind. After a little while, I like to play some music. It all depends on my mood and what I'm doing on the day.

What's your favourite sheet glass?

I'm drawn towards any bright colours, especially reds, yellows, and blues. Lately, I've been enjoying working with fusing glass. It's been fun experimenting with all the frits and powders in the studio.

Food is a re-occurring theme in your work, what is your favourite dish to eat at the moment?

Now that the weather is warming up, rice paper rolls are a family favourite. There's something wonderful about making the rolls with your own hands. It's a very tactile experience and dinners are always more fun when everyone is simultaneously making, eating, and chatting around the table.

Where will you stick your stickers? Water bottle, toolbox, kiln?

My sketchbook!

In 2023, Monica was awarded the Glaas Inc Community Award, *for always being there to support and nurture the Poly Glass Studio and Glaas Inc community.*

She crafts charming pieces of glass work, helps others, consistently maintains our shared studio space, and actively supports gallery and market events.

You can view more of Monica's work here:

monicatran.com.au

and on [Instagram](#)

and buy her work from her shop on [Etsy](#)

And we invite you to purchase our inaugural fundraising sticker from the [Glaas Inc shop](#)

All proceeds go towards supporting the growth and creative potentials of glass makers.