



# MARIAH STAPELTON

## BEADING, WEAVING

Alutiiq artist Mariah Stapleton taught herself to bead during a childhood spent on a remote Alaskan island. She enjoys making jewelry inspired by ancestral designs and the natural colors of Kodiak and weavings that mirror the patterns of Alutiiq clothing, tattoos, and regalia.

### **GENUINE ALASKA NATIVE ART**

AUTHENTIC. HANDCRAFTED. INSPIRED BY TRADITION.

## BE AWARE

Much of the Native-style artwork sold in America is made by non-Native people. It is illegal to advertise reproductions as a genuine Native works. Yet, a huge international market fuels the production of fakes. Deceptive advertising and misleading labels encourage customers to buy imitation art.

This practice disadvantages Native artists. Replicas, imitations, and knockoffs steal Native designs for profit and force Native artists to compete for sales.

## BUY AUTHENTIC

Native artists fill their artwork with traditional materials, ancestral knowledge, and a unique worldview. When you purchase genuine Native-made art, you show respect for this heritage and help Native people live their culture.

Support Native artists. Shop carefully. Visit reputable retailers, read labels, ask questions, and look for the Silver Hand or Alutiiq Seal logos that signal authenticity.

There is no substitute for the real thing.



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