



Don't Eat the Eagle

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BACKGROUND

Kimberly Badenhop, Owner and Designer

Prior to starting Don't Eat the Eagle, a business devoted to creating exquisite fabric elements for the home, Kim worked for eight years in the U.S. Senate and at the White House. More importantly, she has over twenty years of personal sewing experience. In January 2005, appreciation of her sewing skills resulted in a request for her to sew a cover for the Bush family Bible used at the Inaugural ceremony.

Kim grew up across the country, literally from coast to coast and a few places between. Born in Athens, Georgia, she attended elementary through high school in Indiana, Oregon and Kentucky. Kim settled in Washington, DC, after attending college in Ohio and earning her college degree from the University of Kentucky. Having such a wealth of places to call "home," she has an appreciation for the diversity of culture and style in the American home, as well as, the variety of ways people enjoy life outdoors.

Kim's products are designed to suit any lifestyle, whether it be on a boat, at the beach, on the back deck, in the desert or by a lake,

An Interesting Fact

In early 2005, Badenhop was asked to sew a cover for the George W. Bush family Bible used at the Inaugural Ceremony.

Why You Shouldn't Eat the Eagle

During a White House holiday reception, Badenhop surprisingly witnessed someone repeatedly plucking the feathers of a not-to-be-eaten, hand-carved chocolate eagle. Stunned that someone would consume an obvious decorative item, Badenhop wanted to say: "Don't eat the eagle." Shortly after the reception she realized that people often lose their heads when they enter a place like the White House, behaving in ways they wouldn't otherwise. Given the symbolism of the eagle in history, representing everything from the birth of a nation to spiritual renewal in the Bible, the phrase soon became Badenhop's metaphor for not getting so caught up with where you are that you lose sight of what's really important in life.