Janelle Washington creates beautiful and expressive portraits to promote and celebrate one’s self and culture. Through a simple color scheme, the artist highlights the aspects of a person that make them unique.

Janelle Washington, *Young Adult*, cut paper, 15 x 12 inches
About Janelle Washington

Jambo! My name is Janelle Washington and I am a papercut artist. I create inspirational papercuts and silhouettes for my customers who have pride in their cultural heritage, family, values self-love and celebrating who they are.

Creating papercuts is all about playing with the positive and negative spaces to create a multifaceted art piece. Do you remember creating and making snowflakes as a kid in elementary school? You start with something plain and you cut away until you have a unique and beautiful snowflake. That’s what I do, just on a grander scale.

I strive to create artwork to celebrate my history and rich African American culture. From African proverbs that convey traditional wisdom to custom silhouettes that reflect natural hair, each piece will inspire you to be better, uplift you by reminding you of where you came from and encourage you by showing you positive images of African American beauty.

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