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The Art of Yarn Bombing

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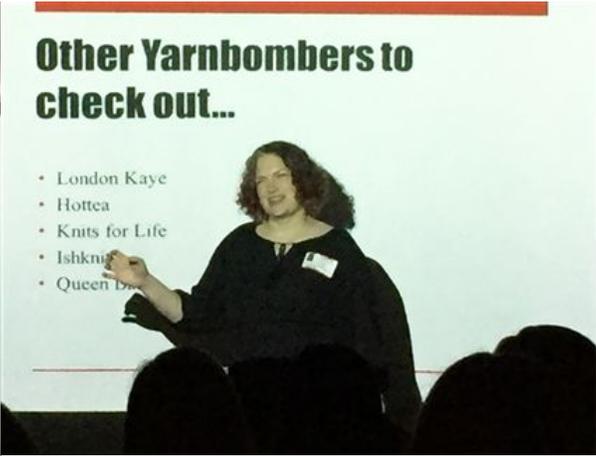
A graduate of Abilene Christian University, Bailey is a working artist who prefers fibers and painting in her mediums. She has worked in the Fort Worth ISD for 15 years and now teaches at the Young Women's Leadership Academy.

It was standing room only with 38 students anxious to hear Bailey speak. She presented to the students about what yarn bombing is, who "invented" the art form and how they can get involved. Sharing some of her own yarn bombings, as well as yarn bombings by other local, national and international artists, she emphasized the benefits of the art form, both as a substitute for traditional graffiti art and also the community building aspect of yarn bombing. It truly is an art form that can bring people together.

In a July 2013 *Fort Worth Texas* magazine article, Bailey shared her love for yarn bombing, the act of knitting or crocheting a design or cozy that can be displayed somewhere publicly. "I like the feeling of being able to go touch something," she said. "The idea that someone took enough time to create a piece of art that probably is not going to stay for a very long time just for random enjoyment really struck me."

She coordinated a team of 25 people to yarn bomb West Magnolia in spring 2013, working with her then students at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School who learned how to crochet. "A big part of the enjoyment of yarn bombs is the surprise of seeing one," she noted. "That unexpectedness really contributes to the joy of them."

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