

## ARTIST FILE

NAME: Melissa Cody



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Melissa Cody was born in 1983 and is a fourth generation weaver. Her mother Lola Cody and grandmother Martha Schultz are both well known weavers. She made her first weaving at the age of five under her mother's guidance and has been weaving ever since.

She grew up on the Navajo Reservation in Leupp, Arizona but the family also moved around the southwest for her father's job as a carpenter. She moved to Santa Fe to study studio arts and museum studies at the American Indian Arts Institute where she earned an associate's and bachelor's degrees and called Santa Fe home for eight years until moving back to the Navajo Reservation to focus on her weaving and help care for her ailing father. She is inspired by the broad art education she received in school and by the bright colors of historic Germantown weavings. She is an innovative weaver melding traditional technique with contemporary themes.

