Hicks was awarded a Fulbright scholarship. She flew to Venezuela on a cargo plane carrying refrigerators.

Traveled to Chile and taught a design course.

Awarded a Fribourg scholarship while in France. Hicks traveled, wrote diaries, and made things with thread, yarn, and string.

After graduating, Hicks went to Mexico City to make a film about architecture.

Returned to Mexico.

These are just a few of the places Hicks has visited. Where will your artistic journey take you?
If you could travel anywhere to look at art or learn from another culture, where would you go?

Design a stamp for the place you’d like to visit.

Sheila Hicks
Artist and Explorer

BORN: 1934
Hastings, Nebraska.
Lives and works in Paris, France.

ATTENDED: Yale University and received her BFA and MFA in Painting.

PROCESS
“I have always made yarn-based things. I learned, from my grandmothers and from my mother, to sew, to embroider, to knit, to crochet, to cut patterns, and to drape.”

INNOVATION
“…you must be a problem solver, improvising creatively, and hope to surprise yourself.”

MATERIALS
“Textiles had been relegated to a secondary role in our society, to a material that was merely functional or decorative. I wanted to give it another status and show what an artist can do with these incredible materials.”

Hicks uses a variety of materials:
cotton
wool
linen
silk
goat hair
alpaca
paper
leather
stainless steel
found objects