

# 10 QUESTIONS

with Elizabeth Kozlowski & Lauren Sinner

In the vein of *Interview* magazine (founded by Andy Warhol in 1969) we would like to introduce a new department: **10 Questions**. Each issue will feature an interview of an individual based on the following sets of questions facilitated by a member or guest. Stateside regions and countries will be rotated throughout the year from submissions

accepted on a rolling basis. Featured questionnaires will receive a complementary one-year digital membership to SDA. Instructions and questionnaires may be accessed via the SDA website under the journal submissions tab. [surfacedesign.org/journal/journal-submissions](http://surfacedesign.org/journal/journal-submissions)

## Elizabeth Kozlowski

Adapted from Marcel Proust, as seen in *Vanity Fair Magazine*.

- 1 What is your most marked characteristic?**  
Most of those close to me would say I have a big heart. I tend to agree.
- 2 What do you value most in your friends?**  
A good sense of humor and loyalty.
- 3 What is your dream of happiness?**  
My lottery wish is to run an animal rescue farm.
- 4 What is your favorite color?**  
Blue, like the Pacific Ocean.
- 5 What is your favorite flower?**  
Daffodils, as they remind me of my childhood home.
- 6 What is your favorite bird?**  
An Egret, a symbol of Florida and the tropics in general which is my happy place.
- 7 What natural gift would you most like to possess?**  
Patience and the ability to speak multiple languages.
- 8 What is your present state of mind?**  
Concerned, for our country, our planet and all those in it.
- 9 To what fault do you feel most indulgent?**  
Not sharing my snacks! Get your own!
- 10 What is your motto?**  
Never Give up!



Elizabeth Kozlowski *Scarf* (in progress) 2020, silk yarn, shell crochet stitch. Photo by the artist.

## Lauren Sinner

Adapted from “*Bouillon de Culture*” hosted by Bernard Pivot and “*Inside the Actor’s Studio*,” with James Lipton.

- 1 What is your favorite word?**  
“Jorts” has been one of my favorite words for a while now. For those who don’t know, jorts are when you cut off the legs of well lived-in—and well loved-in jeans—to create cutoff jean shorts: jorts. Never buy pre-cut or pre-ripped jeans, always let time do the work. Jorts are a staple of my interest in comedy and punk music and I will never not love them.
- 2 What is your least favorite word?**  
“Restaurant” is one of my least favorite words. Not because of the sound it makes, but rather, no matter what I do, I can never remember how to spell it. Does the “au” come in the second or third syllable? I can never remember, no matter what I do! Thankfully I have autocorrect.
- 3 What inspires you creatively, spiritually or emotionally?**  
This is a cheesy answer, but travel inspires me so much. I get creatively stuck when I’m home for too long, so getting out and seeing new places, galleries and experiences is so important. This past year I travelled so much that I have sensory overload with new and exciting things.
- 4 What turns you off?**  
Irony or insincerity. The second I feel something is “too cool” just because, I immediately lose interest. If someone doesn’t care about what they’re doing, why should I care about it too?
- 5 What is your favorite curse word?**  
Fuck. I already swear too much as it is and need to check myself when in a professional setting, or around kids.
- 6 What sound or noise do you love?**  
I absolutely love the sound of thunder. Living in Portland, OR, I’m very used to hearing rain all the time, but miss the thunder and lightning of living in the Midwest for so long.
- 7 What sound or noise do you hate?**  
Ticking clocks when I’m trying to sleep—it drives me crazy. Oh, and one random stranger talking super loudly at a serene natural place while everyone else is trying to take in the view and relax. Shut up, no one cares about your thoughts on a movie right now, I’m on vacation.



Lauren Sinner *Easily Bruised 4* 2017, found handkerchief, India ink, thread, darned, 12” x 12”. Photo by the artist.

- 8 What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?**  
I’ve always wanted to get into botany and learn more about plants. I think it’s why I’m so drawn to natural dyeing and the science behind all of it. Before I chose art as my main career path, I was considering studying botany and biochem for a bit.
- 9 What profession would you not like to do?**  
Anything that has to do with accounting and budgeting. Accounting is the only class I have ever failed in my entire life, and I’m still not good at it.
- 10 If you were reincarnated as some other plant or animal, what would it be?**  
Probably a giraffe. This question has come up many times in my life and I never have an answer I really like. I think a giraffe makes sense because I’m tall and eat plants. To clarify, I’m vegetarian.