

# Cindy Sherman Quotes

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Nowadays, with digital printing, it's so easy to make everything perfect, which is not always a good idea. Sometimes the mistakes are really what make a piece.

~Cindy Sherman

I'm trying to make other people recognize something of themselves rather than me.

~Cindy Sherman

Everyone thinks these are self-portraits but they aren't meant to be. I just use myself as a model because I know I can push myself to extremes, make each shot as ugly or goofy or silly as possible.

~Cindy Sherman

The still must tease with the promise of a story the viewer of it itches to be told.

~Cindy Sherman

I wanted to create something that people could relate to without having read a book about it beforehand.

~Cindy Sherman

If I knew what the picture was going to be like I wouldn't make it. It was almost like it was made already - the challenge is more about trying to make what you can't think of.

~Cindy Sherman

I feel I'm anonymous in my work. When I look at the pictures, I never see myself; they aren't self-portraits. Sometimes I disappear.

~Cindy Sherman

The way I see it, as soon as I make a piece I've lost control of it.

~Cindy Sherman

The work is what it is and hopefully it's seen as feminist work, or feminist-advised work, but I'm not going to go around espousing theoretical bullshit about feminist stuff.

~Cindy Sherman

[My work is] maybe about me maybe not wanting to be me and wanting to be all these other characters. Or at least try them on.

~Cindy Sherman

I'm really just using the mirror to summon something I don't even know until I see it.

~Cindy Sherman

Inconsiderate, rude behavior drives me nuts. And I guess the inconsiderate rudeness of social ineptitude definitely fuels my work.

~Cindy Sherman

I didn't think of what I was doing as political. To me it was a way to make the best out of what I liked to do privately, which was to dress up.

~Cindy Sherman

My ideas are not developed before I actually do the pieces.

~Cindy Sherman

One reason I was interested in photography was to get away from the preciousness of the art object.

~Cindy Sherman

Being able to make a living doing something one truly loves to do - is my definition of success.

~Cindy Sherman

Dreamers are those who have achieved in love and life, because it is a

dream that got them there.

~Cindy Sherman

Believing in one's own art becomes harder and harder when the public response grows fonder.

~Cindy Sherman

The models have always been the least interesting thing about fashion.

~Cindy Sherman

I can't work without it [music]. And it has to be the right kind, because if it's not then I get into a bad mood. I work with a remote so that I can change CDs instantly if I need to.

~Cindy Sherman

I was meticulously copying other art and then I realized I could just use a camera and put my time into an idea instead.

~Cindy Sherman

My message for people to not take anything for granted, to respect what they might not understand.

~Cindy Sherman

I am fine, though it is hard to think of what kind of work to make at this point, other than decorative, escapist or abstract. I suppose I'll explore one or all of these things.

~Cindy Sherman

Every time you have to come up with a new body of work for a new show, you're aware that people are just ready to rip you apart, they're just waiting for you to fall or make the slightest trip up.

~Cindy Sherman

Some people have told me they remember the film that one of my

images is derived from, but in fact I had no film in mind at all.

~Cindy Sherman

I wonder how it is that I'm fooling so many people, I'm doing one of the most stupid things in the world! and people seem to be falling for it.

~Cindy Sherman

I didn't have any interest in traditional art.

~Cindy Sherman

I can be fearlessly strong at times to protect an inner frailty.

~Cindy Sherman

I'd never even thought about compromise when I worked in my studio. The major distinction is in the priority of who I ultimately wanted to please: myself or the audience.

~Cindy Sherman

I was feeling guilty in the beginning; it was frustrating to be successful when a lot of my friends weren't. Also, I was constantly being reminded of that by people in my family making jokes.

~Cindy Sherman

My dad was such a bigot. He was a horrible, self-centred person. He was really racist and he'd talk about the Jews and blacks and Catholics even.

~Cindy Sherman

When I do work, I get so much done in such a concentrated time that once I'm through a series, I'm so drained I don't want to get near the camera.

~Cindy Sherman

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