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James Irving plays with fire.

For this artist, not even molten metal is too hot to handle. Holding a degree in studio art with a sculpting and painting focus, James' first job was doing custom metalwork under a local blacksmith. "With blacksmithing, you learn something new pretty much every day." And one day in 2007, he established Pirate's Forge to promote his projects, including lantern designs and wall brands for homes and restaurants. (The name is a tribute to his father's fascination with pirates.) Between ventures, James maintains his painting prowess at Wine and Design, where he teaches classes for both adults and children. "Everybody can paint; everybody's just got a different style. It's just like your handwriting."

What do you like about reading skirt!? "I think the cover art is a great way to attract the reader visually to the magazine.

It always seems to catch my eye when I see a **skirt!** magazine lying around."

What do you like about wearing a skirt? "Besides the overall freedom it gives me, I would have to say the range of mobility."