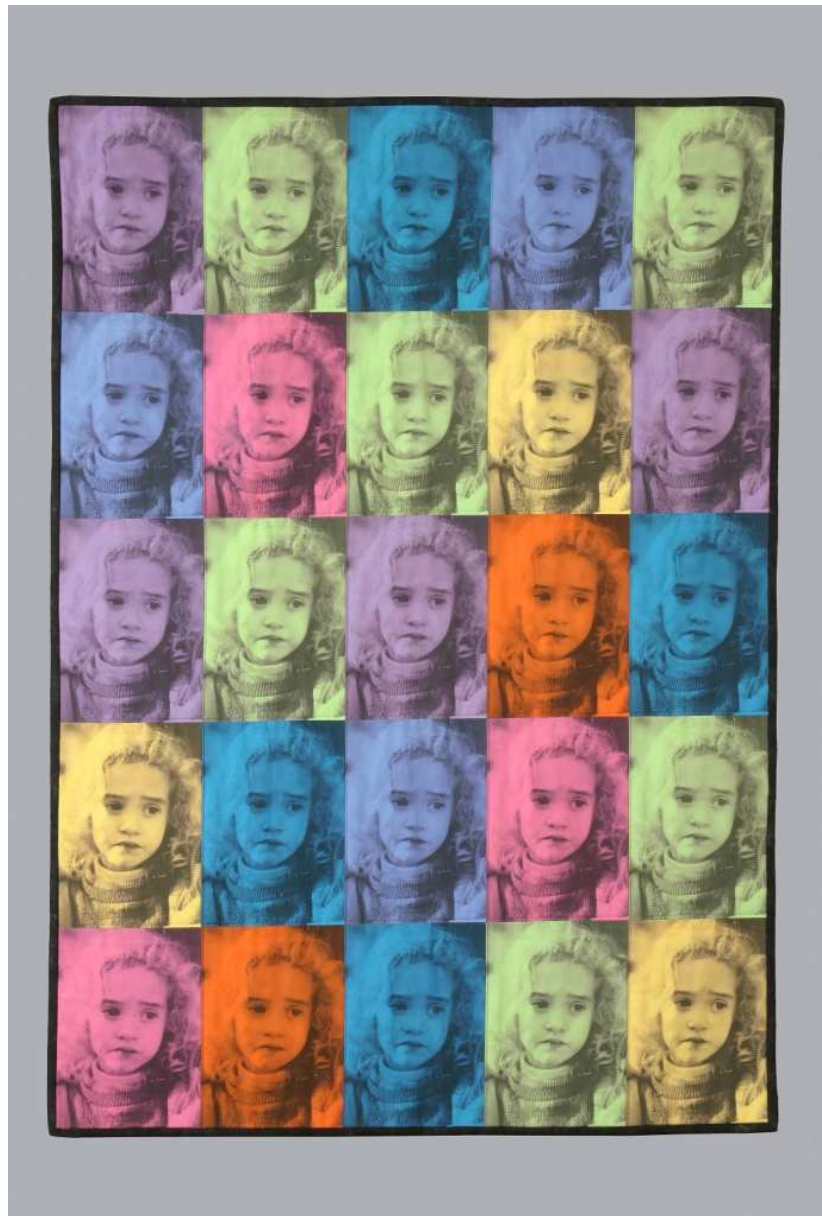


# “The Face”

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This is a picture of my daughter, Ashley, when she was about 4 years old. My friend, Leslie Centner, was the photographer.

I liked the picture so much that I decided the photograph could stand by itself – without anything else in the art quilt. So I decided to repeat the photograph 25 times in an Andy Warhol style art quilt. I transferred the photograph to fabric using the printer attached to my computer.

Notice the use of seven different colors of fabric upon which I transferred the image. With each color of fabric used, Ashley's expression seems to change slightly – even though it is the exact same photograph.

I had planned for a long time to transfer this photo to fabric for a quilt. Somehow, I never quite got around to it. An event spurred me to quickly produce this quilt. My husband and I expected my husband to get a really exciting job offer exactly a week before Christmas 1998. Instead, he was told another candidate got the job. I was extremely upset – I was hoping that after 6 months of looking, my husband was to find himself at a new location by the first of the year. Instead I found myself grieving a great loss.

The very next morning I found myself working on this quilt like a woman possessed. It took me two days to realize the quilt was part of my “grief therapy”. (One would think that after all these years of producing art quilts, I would immediately consciously realize that all of my quilting stitches are therapeutic.) I also realized that some of the emotions my daughter seemed to be expressing were some of the same feelings I had about my husband's lost job opportunity....