

Leslie Castillo, Englewood, Colorado

*Diné (Navajo) Nation
Beadwork*



Leslie Castillo is half Navajo who was born and raised in Englewood, Colorado. She is the daughter of Wayne Beyale (Navajo) who is the son of a Medicine Man John Nez Beyale. Leslie grew up traveling with her father to the Indian Markets throughout the United States. She grew up watching her father paint and draw and how important the Navajo culture is to them. During the summer she would spend the summers with her grandfather John Nez Beyale who was a medicine man and go to the ceremonies to help and learn the

culture. Now she is ensuring her children are learning the language and the traditions to the Navajo people.

Leslie learned how to bead from different artists throughout the years of being with her father in different Indian Markets throughout the US. Over the years she has picked up different techniques and styles and loves to make different pieces. Leslie loves to teach others how to bead and the importance of her Navajo culture is to her. Being an artist with her father and now having the opportunity to show with him is important to her and one day hopes that her children will keep the family traditions alive.

