

## **Bear Paw (2017)**

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The Bear clan was once the largest of all the clans of the Cherokee Indian Nation and occupied the Northwest section of North Carolina and up through the Southwest Virginia region. When an Indian brave marries it is required that they marry outside their own clan and must leave and become a part of the bride's clan. After many generations of having more braves than squalls the Bear clan became smaller in number, but not in status. Today they are a sub clan within the blue face tribe.

This small 6x6 acrylic painting features a bear paw using the bear symbol itself as the heel of the paw. The six basic colors of the rainbow are incorporated within the image across each claw and across the back of the bear symbol itself.

