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Artist Mirta Toledo of Argentina.

Painter-sculptor-potter-author shows skills in

One- woman show

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You might say artist Mirta Toledo is a Renaissance woman. She's not easily classified. Toledo draws, paints, sculptures and makes pottery. She's published one novel

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Mirta Toledo working with ink in her studio.

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in her native Argentina and is working on a collection of short stories.

"I think sculpture is my true love, but I want to do it all," she said at her Wedgwood home, which doubles as a studio.

Between having it all and doing it all, she's also mother to 12-year-old twin boys and wife to Mauricio Papini, an assistant professor of psychology at Texas Christian University.

Some of her work is on display today through Friday at TCU's Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge.

About 30 drawings and five sculp-

tures in bronze and terra cotta will be shown.

The show, *Pure Diversity*, reflects her approach to several artistic media and her awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity in her experience and heritage.

Her mother moved to Argentina from Spain. Her father was a Guaraní Indian. She and her husband, an Italo-Argentinian, have lived in South America, North America and Hawaii.

And now Fort Worth. They moved here in 1990.

Toledo said her surroundings seem to have a big effect on her work.

She said moving away from her homeland caused her to feel homesick and nostalgic. Those feelings, in turn, prompted her to produce work that was heavily influenced by South American mythology.

"Now I am influenced by the more diverse society in Fort Worth," she said. "I'm always changing."

She often takes her sketch book and journal to shopping malls and other public places in the area to record visual and verbal impressions.

For the future she has really big plans.

"I really want to do big things. I would like to do big monuments and murals," she said.

Toledo has participated in 68 art exhibits in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Minneapolis; and Honolulu since 1976.

The TCU exhibit is one of the observances on campus in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month.

A reception is planned for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. today in the student center lounge.