



MELISSA RADEMACHER
& THE DREAM MACHINE







“As a photographer in the motorcycle scene I always get to shoot the nicest bikes but have somehow never managed to find the perfect one for myself. That needed to change and I wanted no compromises! It had to be a clean, functional and comfortable chopper! Luckily for me I’m close to the source as Martin from ‘MB CYCLES Heidelberg’ is my partner. — The project began with purchasing a rolling chassis that had a Paughco frame with an Ironhead motor in it. This was soon switched out with an Evo

sporty engine....more riding...less wrenching. We only could find an 883 so our friend Markus from ‘Werk Mannheim’ converted it into a 1200cc with S&S Cycle cylinders and pistons. The EMD cam and sprocket covers give her back the vintage look. The Sportster fork stayed where it was...not over, not under, no rake. The handlebars and narrow risers are made by ‘Tom Fork’ in Japan and the badass seat was made by Clare Von Stitch from ‘Trueblue’. I wanted to keep it classy and always loved the old shovelhead decals, so I

ordered some from the USA and Chiko's Pinstriping made it perfect with some leaf gold. Martin fabricated a simple stainless steel sissy bar with enough space to take my girls stuff and my camera equipment with me. — People keep asking me; "Why the knobby tires?", I just like the rough look they give a bike that's all, no offroad riding for me. To keep the bike as slim as possible Martin made a top motor mount that holds the ignition coil between the cylinders and the speedo on the side. We went with a low tunnel in the gas tank and also put a little extra gas bottle on the left side of

the frame to save me from pushing the bike. The headlight and fairing makes it all a bit edgy and gives the bike a racey-MB Cycles-look. I couldn't be more in love."

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