



ANDREA MONROY PALACIOS

Guatemala City, 1981.

"I started making art out of necessity rather than desire. A need to emphasize certain issues or to concretely show how I understand phenomena. My artistic production arises from concerns I have as a woman in my environment and from the analysis of other people's work. In reference to the above, much of my production is based on the investigation of the textile tradition in Guatemala. I focus my study mainly on the güipiles (Mayan dress) of Guatemalan indigenous women. I am interested in examining the symbolism and the ways in which the medium and technique of a textile become a means of community representation and individual identity.

Not being trained in art, I use means of production to which I am attracted. Yarn and fabric become allies with which through basic techniques I manage to create physical ideas. In the development of my work I see weaving and embroidery as a form of manual writing that needs many elements to be achieved. And so, they become a language with both mental and physical dimensions.

This makes me propose pieces and procedures in which I treat the textile medium as a message container by analyzing the technique and elements that make it up."

ESPERANZA EN LLANTO

"I associate the life cycles of my flowers with emotional processes. In this work, by observing of the blooming of one of my bromeliads, a process which lasts several days, makes me think of hope within chaos.

I represent this chaos with the drawing of the plant's own foliage. I register the chaos by cleaning the cuts made in the bark of the Majunche banana tree, when I take its fruits and distill its sap, with the raw canvas.

The "queen's tears" (or Lágrimas de Reina, the bromeliad's common name) can also provide hope or ask for it."

- Andrea Monroy Palacios





From the series *Esperanza en llanto*: Lágrimas de Reina 2024

Graphite and embroidery made with industrially and naturally dyed thread on raw canvas dyed with Majunche banana tree sap 91 cm x 123 cm



PRESENCIAS Y DEPOSITARIAS

"In these works, I consider the textile as a being that safekeeps, and is constructed of certain elements charged with personal significance.

It is thus how ARECAA becomes the representation of a plant that has been a consistent part of my life, and an important being in the landscape of my garden-yard. Its body is woven by crocheting raw cotton yarn and thread dyed green with the essence of another one of my plants, the sacatinta.

From the main body of the textile hang pieces of the areca palm tree's bark, which detach themselves when they have concluded their life cycle. Through ARECAA, I am looking to not only give space to this plant, but to register its transformation and my personal relationship to it."

Andrea Monroy Palacios





From the series *Presencias*: ARECAA 2023
Crocheted textile made from raw cotton yarn and cotton yarn dyed with sacatinta, dried areca palm tree bark, jacaranda tree branch 165 cm x 120 cm x 25 cm



From the series *Depositarias*: ORAAA 2023
Crocheted textile made from raw cotton yarn and cotton yarn dyed with turmeric root, basil, chia and plantain seed bombs, fertilizer bombs, jacaranda tree branch 130 cm x 156 cm x 30 cm

PALACIOS DE ANDREA

"This series takes as a reference the Insect Hotels that are sometimes placed in gardens.

I create these kind of hospices with materials that I use in my production, which that implicitly carry a burden of significance that I personally assign to each of them. Here, I begin to incorporate new materials And also new materials that begin to be incorporated.

These palaces (Palacios) thus become hosts of present and future ideas, and hotels that metaphorically lodge situations, beings and presences of my creation."

- Andrea Monroy Palacios





From the series *Palacios de Andrea*: Hotel para el corazón 2023

Repurposed construction sieve, dried Majunche petals and leaves, fabric scraps, raw cotton thread, pumice stone, semi-circular brick, metallic screen and nails. $50 \text{ cm} \times 36 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm}$

IZADORAAS

"Here, I craft a series of imaginary entities through various elements that connect and correspond with other works and processes in my practice.

IZADORAAS is the depiction of pollinating organisms.

This work relates directly to the reproductive cycle of plants, and indirectly connects to all that remains within me... and what I leave behind... when I work with plants."

- Andrea Monroy Palacios





From the series *Izadoraas*: Izadoraa No. 1 2023 PVC rain pipes, raw cotton thread, central vein of dried areca palm tree leaves 150 cm x 200 cm x 10 cm





Llévate las olas de mi llanto 2022

Sea snail shell stuffed with cotton thread dyed with aloin from the aloe vera plant and cotton thread dyed through a process of bandaging a Majunche banana bunch, pumice stone bindings $30 \text{ cm} \times 25 \text{ cm} \times 100 \text{ cm}$



EN EL MÍO

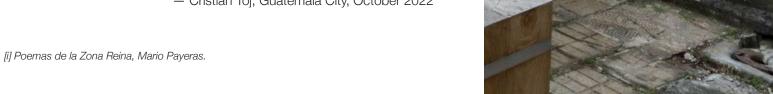
There were only windy rocks left that when they let themselves be looked at look into the eyes. -Juan G. Sánchez

It happened with a furious sun that seemed to take revenge for the tempestuous weather. Juan Carlos Onetti

To enter the garden of Andrea Monroy Palacios is to venture into the daily surprise and discover the technologies of tenderness: to unknot the mechanisms that guide the scent of flowers, to join hands to measure the weeping of the majunche, to collect the dyes that burn/embrace the pores, to measure the threads with which memory is ripped, to find the exact tension to hang to the wind the banner that signals the time of the fruit and to warm the leaves to smooth their folds.

Andrea Monroy Palacios' works branch and expand as if they knew or remembered something simple and inarticulate from a time before words and knowledge, turning her eyes to the experimentation of her own instruments and symbols that allow her to dialogue with the cycles and energies that accompany her. Each of the pieces carries with it its cries and silence, but the silence is not oblivion or emptiness, but a pause between the past rains and the storms that appear in front of her eyes. This space charged with storms that overflow from the canvases are a small reminder that "here reality is still at war with the birds." [i]

- Cristian Toj, Guatemala City, October 2022







PÁJARA
2022
Crocheted textile made with raw cotton thread and cotton thread dyed with indigo, sacatinta, plantain, coffee and ilamo; dried Majunche banana tree leaves, fertilizer bombs, and jacaranda tree branch
70 cm x 186 cm x 40 cm



LLÉVATE MI ANGUSTIA 2022 Action log photography, sublimation on lammy fabric. Ed. 3 + 2 A.P. 85 cm x 124 cm





Jardín de Corazones 2022 Wire baskets, Maunche banana tree petals joined with raw cotton thread and stuffed with scrap textiles Variable measurements



Respira: Hasta el sol de hoy 2022

Embroidery made with cotton thread on raw cotton cloth, both dyed with coconut

bark, avocado pit, and mahogany bark

141 cm x 158 cm



Divisor
2022
Metallic bird cage dividers, raw cotton thread, gravel and cotton thread dyed with aloin from the aloe vera plant
141 cm x 158 cm



Verde Olvido 2022 Tree branches; embroidery made with cotton thread on raw canvas, both dyed with sacatinta 70 cm x 143 cm x 10 cm $^{\circ}$





A3
2022
Huipil with sections woven on a foot loom, *randa* embroidered with cotton thread dyed with indigo and sacatinta, pattern embroidered with lxcaco cotton thread 87 cm x 59 cm



Tríptico 3 'C'S: Estandarte Corona, Estandarte Corazón, Estandarte Cruz 2022

Embroidery made with industrially dyed cotton thread and cotton thread dyed with sacatinta, cochinilla, and turmeric root on raw cotton cloth; pumice stone, cypress seeds Triptych

140 cm x 126 cm x 10 cm each



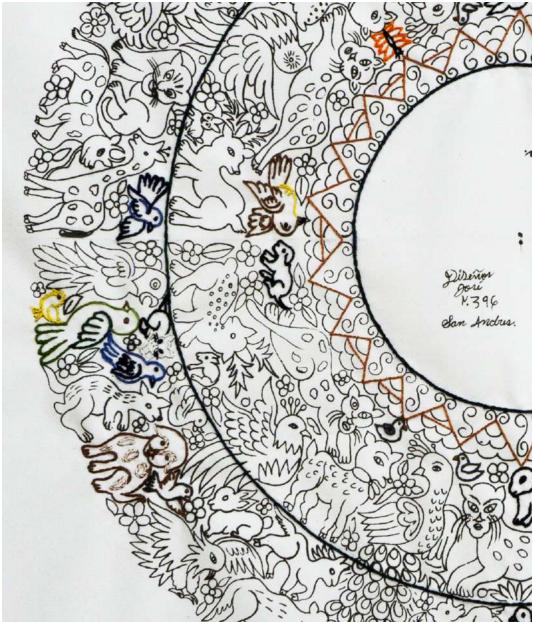
From the series *Paños*: Sol M 2022

Embroidery made with industrially dyed thread and cotton thread dyed with indigo and sacatinta on raw cotton cloth dyed with Majunche banana tree petals; tassels made with cotton thread dyed with plantain leaves, Majunche banana tree flower petals and red onion peel 157 cm x 88 cm x 3 cm

From the series *Paños*: Brújula en flor No. 2 2022

Embroidery made with industrially dyed thread dyed with cochinilla, turmeric root, indigo and sacatinta on raw cotton cloth dyed with mahogany bark; tassels made with cotton thread dyed with coconut bark 121 cm x 76 cm x 3 cm





Fáunico 396 2022 Digital print on white cotton cloth; embroidery made with industrially dyed cotton thread 130 cm x 89 cm x 2.5 cm



Museo de Arte y Diseño Contemporáneo | San José, Costa Rica, 2022.

MANTRAS QUE LLORAN

"The proposed installation, "Mantras que lloran", is made up of a series of pieces in which I seek personal healing through the process of tinting fabrics with dyes extracted from medicinal plants, embroidery and plant-based movements.

Considering repetition as a form of meditation necessary in the process of healing, I create a series of matras (mantras míos) that I embroider on fabric canvases dyed by me. Drawing on a principle from the Ayurvedic practice, I dye cloth and thread with various plant extract. By not using mordant in the dyeing process, the cloth and thread gradually release the color and essence from the plant as I manipulate them while dyeing and then embroidering. As I embroider I repeat my mantra and trust that the properties of the plant extract will penetrate through my hands and help me heal physically and spiritually. It should be noted that the color obtained in the dyeing process is a secondary concern.

In "lienzos que lloran" I record the process of dripping ("para mí llorar") that the Majunche banana plant undergoes when I cut its fruits or bunch. After cutting the bunch, I place the canvases on the ground, underneath the plant, and wait for the canvas to register the process drop by drop. There is a connection of the emotional process I go through in my personal life and this action. A search for healing through the act of weeping and embracing that weeping in a symbolic way."

Andrea Monroy Palacios





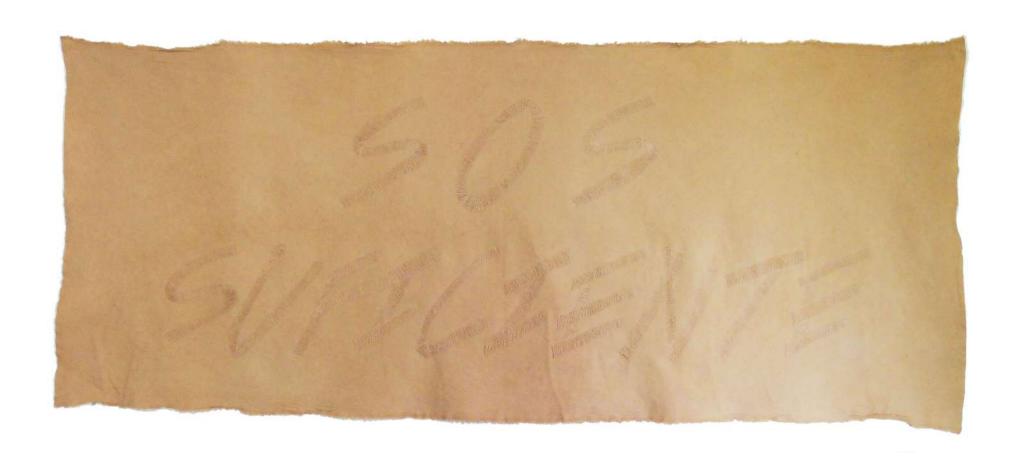
From the series Mantras Míos: SOS LUZ

Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with turmeric root Pieza única

73 cm x 172 cm



From the series *Mantras Míos*: SOS PODER 2020 Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with achiote Pieza única 85 cm x 121 cm



From the series *Mantras Míos*: SOS SUFICIENTE 2020
Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with avocado pits Pieza única 70 cm x 169 cm



From the series *Mantras Míos*: SOLTÁ 2020 Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with hibiscus flower Pieza única 86 cm x 95 cm



From the series Mantras Míos: FLUYE 2020 Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with sacatinta Pieza única 72 cm x 83 cm





From the series *Mantras Míos*: DEJA IR 2020 Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with beetroot Pieza única 81 cm x 89 cm



From the series Mantras Míos: MIRA MÁS ALLÁ 2020 Embroidery made with raw cotton thread on cotton cloth, both dyed with red onion peel Pieza única

90 cm x 133 cm



22 Bienal del Arte Paiz | Casa Ibargüen, Guatemala City, 2021.

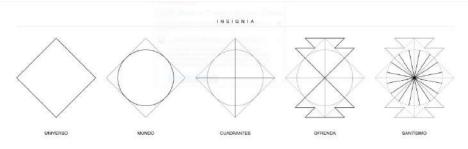
YUXTAPOSICIONES

"This installation is the result of the analysis and creation of symbology that combines elements interpreted from the Mayan cosmovision and my personal religious beliefs. A series of diagrams on the tables show the process of design and interpretation through the memorization and categorization of certain geometric shapes charged with meaning. This process is transferred to embroidery where color and thread finish shaping the element.

The windows and doors of the space are adorned with these embroideries, like flags, of a new form of personal cosmogony."

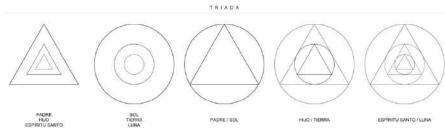






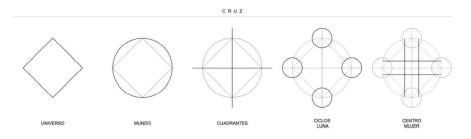
From the series *Yuxtaposiciones*: Insignia 2021
Embroidery on fiberglass screen and raw cotton cloth Unique piece
Variable measurements





From the series *Yuxtaposiciones*: Triada 2021
Embroidery on fiberglass screen and raw cotton cloth Unique piece
Variable measurements





From the series *Yuxtaposiciones*: Cruz 2021 Embroidery on fiberglass screen and raw cotton cloth Unique piece Variable measurements

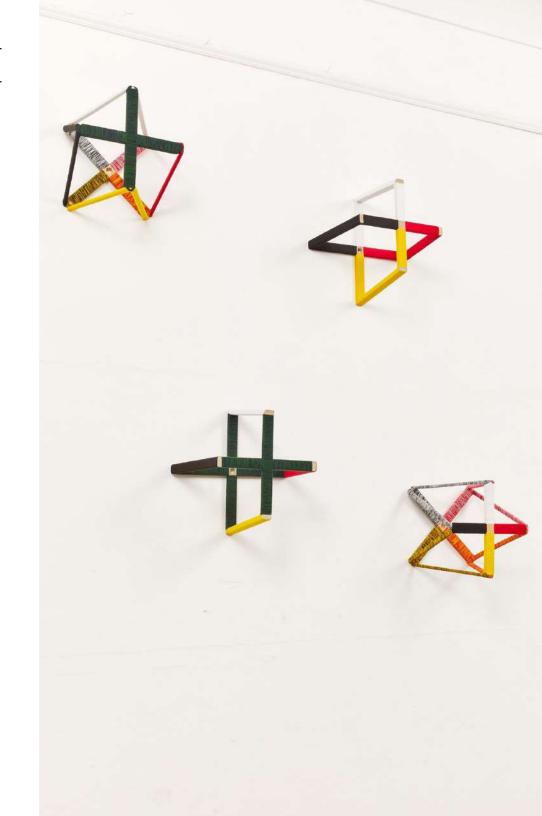


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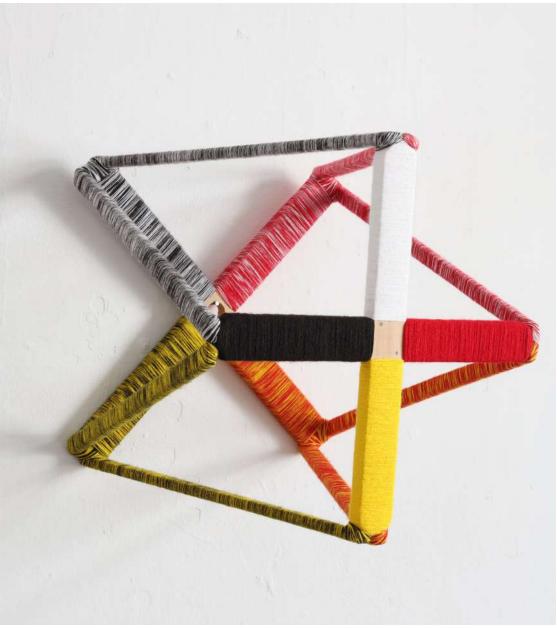
INTERACCIONES

"Interacting with a handcrafted work tool such as the winder allows me to transfer the colors assigned to the cardinal points and overlay them on the machine's geometry.

In this way, I memorialize them around the center of nature, represented by green and blue. The winders become compass roses. And the idea of being the center, which guides these four cardinal points, translates into the creation of a sobrehuipil."







Interacciones
2021
Installation. Wooden winder and acrylic thread, rocks; embroidery made with acrylic thread on cotton sobrehuipil
Variable measurements

Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Panamá | Ciudad de Panamá, 2021.

MESOTRÓPICOS

"Curandera is a woven manifestation of the presence of plants, with a capacity for physical and emotional healing. The transformation from plant to color is the conclusion of a process of planting, caring, and even eating another being. In addition to the action of weaving, the action of braiding (involved in a piece of the textile) gives the piece the everydayness of an act that is practiced with oneself or towards others. This, to me, gives the textile a human quality.

Capa C is a presence woven by me with raw cotton yarn mixed with cotton yarn dyed by the distillation of aloe vera leaves. A cape that covers you, but simultaneously empowers you. The color obtained from the aloe vera leaves gives it not only physical, but also emotional healing qualities.

Crying is very personal, but when the experiences and family ties are the ones that provoke it, it seems to happen at the collectively. I am one of four daughters, and the experience is like bringing carrying a trio of sisterhood. "A cuatro tiempos" is the record of a strong emotional period experienced by me and my sisters.

When considering the dripping of sap from my Majunche banana bush, when cutting its fruits, I perceive it as weeping tears; this is what leads me to create a register, in four canvases united by randas embroidered with thread dyed by the distillation of aloe vera leaves. Aloe vera brings its healing qualities to the creation of this textile.

I continue this registry-metaphor with six canvases (number of my family members) joined using embroidered randas with cotton thread dyed through the action of bandaging the bunches and trunk of my Majunche banana tree."





Curandera 2021

Textile made from raw cotton thread and cotton thread dyed with achiote, eucalyptus, geranium, plantain, bougainvillea, sacatina, beetroot, coconut bark, coffee, hibiscus flower, and mahogany bark 105 cm x 120 cm x 6 cm



Capa C 2021 Textile made from raw cotton thread and cotton thread dyed with aloe vera 170 cm x 115 cm x 8 cm



A cuatro tiempos 2021
Cotton cloth dyed by drippings from the Majunche banana tree, joined by an embroidered randa made from raw cotton thread dyed with aloe vera 75 cm x 142 cm





Llanto
2019
Cotton cloth dyed by drippings from the Majunche banana tree, joined by an embroidered randa made from raw cotton thread dyed with Majunche banana tree sap
141 cm x 91 cm

Lágrimas
2019
Cotton cloth dyed by drippings from the Majunche banana tree, joined by an embroidered randa made from raw cotton thread dyed with Majunche banana tree sap
111 cm x 91 cm

Arte en Mayo | Fundación Rozas Botrán, Guatemala City, 2020.

EN EL JARDÍN DE ELLA Y EL MÍO

"My artistic production is based on the study of the textile tradition in Guatemala. This study encompasses anything from the raw materials and techniques used in the weavings to the underlying interpretation of the finished pieces.

"En el jardín de ella y el mío" is a series that results from the analysis of the work of Victoria Cumez. She is one of the main originators of marcadores (patterns for weavings) from Comalapa, Chimaltenango. Some time ago, I began this analysis by transferring her designs to construction sieves. They are familiar to me and record the process of sifting to obtain a homogeneous mixture. I related that process to the creation of a design in which shapes and colors are selected on a grid at different scales.

In this series I analyze the flowers that Victoria has transferred to her diseños marcadores, under the premise that they are flowers that are familiar to her, flowers that perhaps she would have in her garden. That is the basis for creating my own patterns relating them to Victoria's. I have selected flower designs that exist in my home garden, and then I create my own flower patterns and contrast them with Victoria's. The process of locating, selecting, photographing and designing flower patterns from my garden allowed me to interact with the organization of my garden, tell its story, and in itself also narrate part of the story of my home and family.

Each of the pieces in this series represents me, my garden and Victoria's work. The resulting series shows different facets of creative processes, but ultimately it becomes immortalized in textiles that speak of you, what is yours and what surrounds you."









From the series *En el jardín de ella y el mío*: Antes de entrar al callejón, del lado derecho e izquierdo, del cafetal 2020 Embroidery on repurposed construction sieves Triptych

Variable measurements





From the series *En el jardín de ella y el mío*: La primera, al lado derecho de la puerta de la entrada 2020
Embroidery on repurposed construction sieves
Diptych
Variable measurements



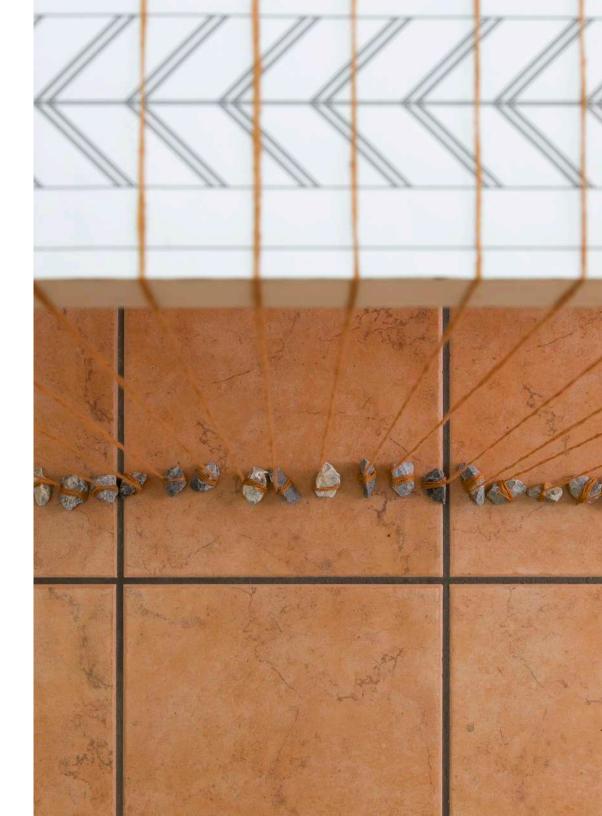
Project Room | Galería Extra, Guatemala City, 2019.

IN SITU

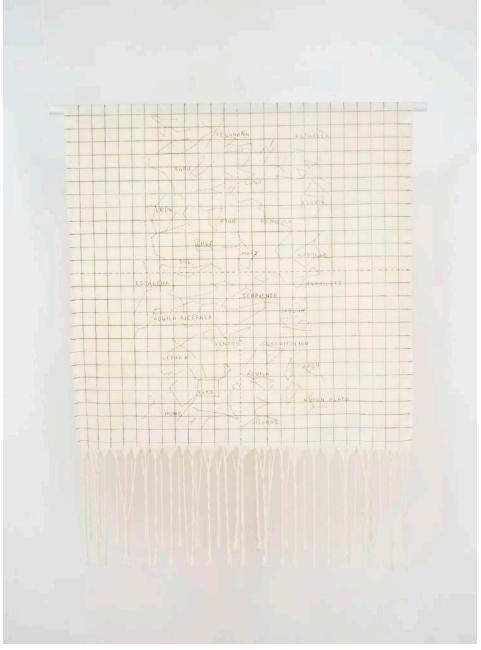
"I analyze the repetitive symbology in huipiles from different regions and linguistic groups of Guatemala, mainly antique pieces used daily and ceremonially.

I group the symbols, according to the results of my research and personal interpretation, by different elements that make me understand the graphic language in which women have organized the ancestral knowledge of the Mayan cosmovision. I establish an order, in which the Everything that we inhabit and that inhabits us is organized according to what I understand and can assimilate from my own perspective.

I begin the creation of a personal symbology in relation to the result of the research and my personal interests."

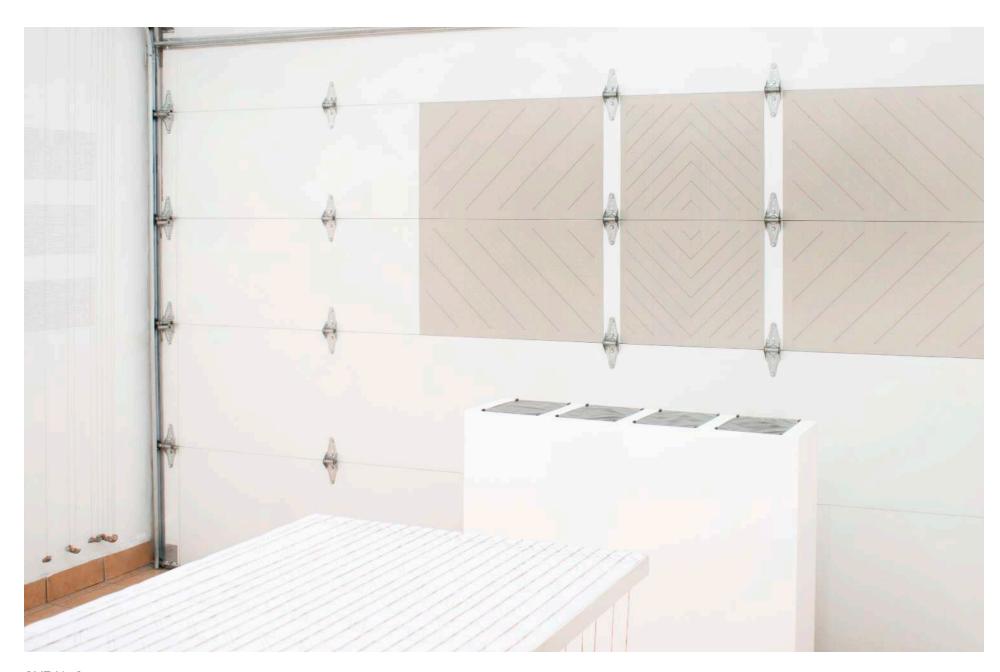






UNIVERSO 2019 Transfer on cotton cloth 110 cm x 95 cm

ESPIRITUAL 2019 Transfer on cotton cloth 110 cm x 95 cm



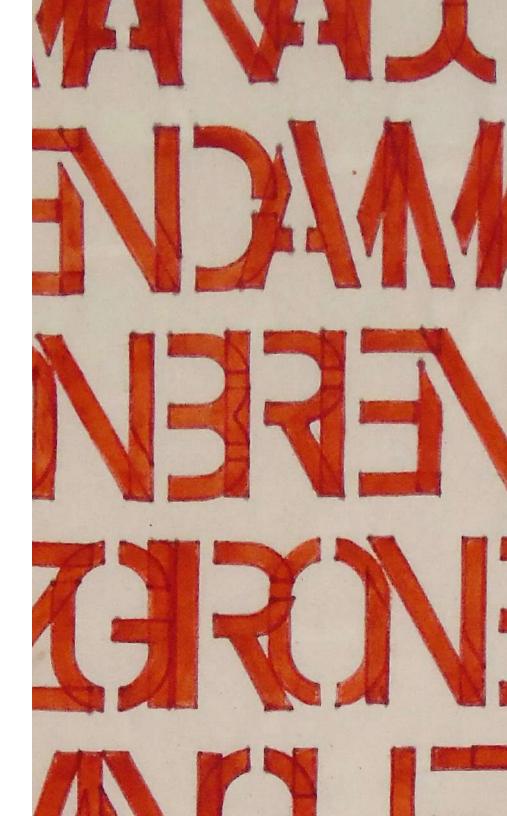
CM7 No.2 2019 Transfer on cotton cloth Poliptych 91 cm x 262 cm

Juannio Subasta de Arte Latinoamericano | Guatemala City, 2018.

PATRONES

"2017 in Guatemala is a year marred by the deaths of many women. This leads me to the creation of a series of patterns in fabric from the names of the victims.

On March 8, 2017, 41 minors die in a fire inside the Hogar Seguro institution. In this series, I continuously write the names of the 41 victims on 8 yards of fabric. I create a natural pigment based on charcoal, aloevera and castor oil. The color and texture of the charcoal recall the way they died, and, at the same time, the properties of the other components of the pigment carry the implicit desire for healing."





From the series *Patrones*: Patrón No. 41 2017 Natural pigment made from charcoal, aloe vera, and castor oil on cotton cloth 730 cm x 120 cm

From the series *Patrones*: Patrón No. 1 2017 Natural pigment made from charcoal, aloe vera, and castor oil on cotton cloth 91 cm x 91 cm Las Costas del Mundo | Galería Display, República Checa, 2018.

HINCAR LOS HILOS

"In Prague, Czech Republic, I carry out an Action using Guatemalan thread. I tie the thread to tree branches, and bring it to the ground level to then tie it to local stones and bury it at different levels of the ground.

This action refers to the constructive process of "driving stakes" in which it is necessary to find a resistant and stable soil stratum to place the foundation. I turn this reference into an interaction with the earth, creating a relationship between my work and the thread while on distant lands. It is also an interaction with nature, where the one finds the raw material for textiles, and with which I begin to develop a special connection"





Juannio Subasta de Arte Latinoamericano | Guatemala City, 2017.

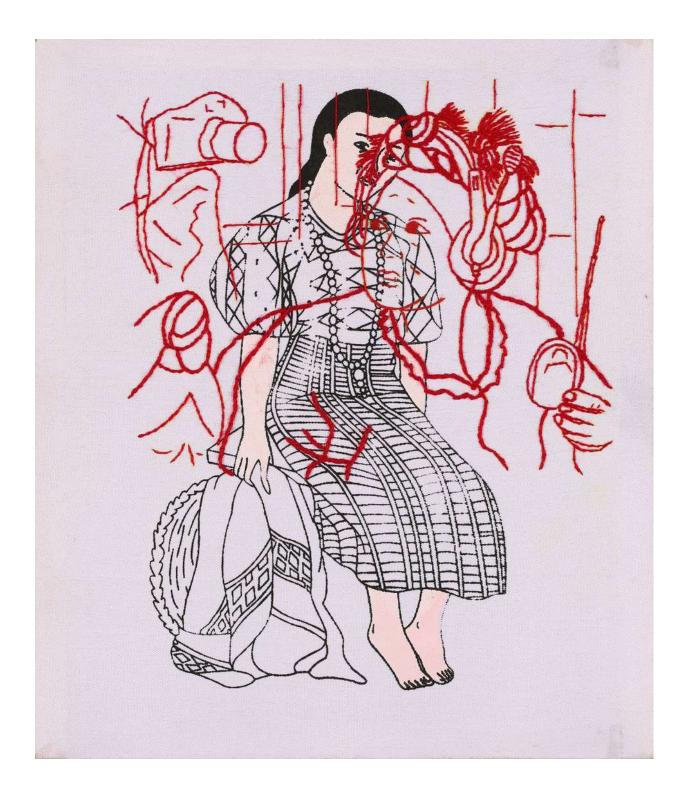
CUADROS PARA BORDAR

"In handicraft stores in Guatemala, you can find template drawings for embroidery. These drawings show indigenous women in folklorically associated tasks such as: selling in a market, doing household chores or simply posing. For this reason, they are usually identified as "cuadros típicos".

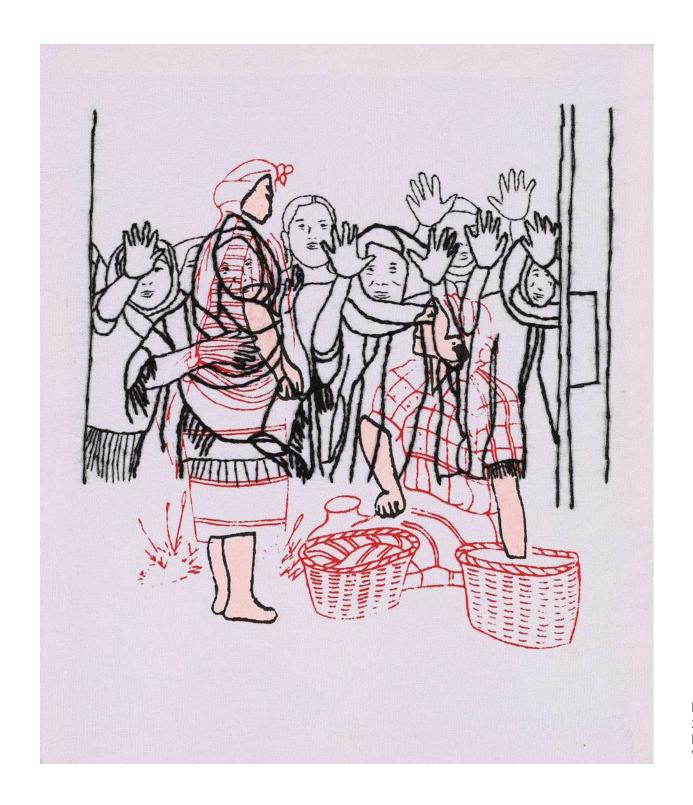
In the Sepur Zarco case*, a group of 15 indigenous women show us how far they are from a "typical or folkloric image". In these works, I embroider the figures of the women on the Sepur Zarco trial, overlayed on the templates of these made-to-copy "cuadros típicos".

*The Sepur Zarco case— as it was known because of the name of the military base where the crimes were committed— marked the first time that crimes of sexual violence committed in the midst of the 36-year internal armed conflict have been tried before a Guatemalan criminal court."





From the series *Cuadros para bordar* 2017 Hand embroidery on embroidery template Variable measurements

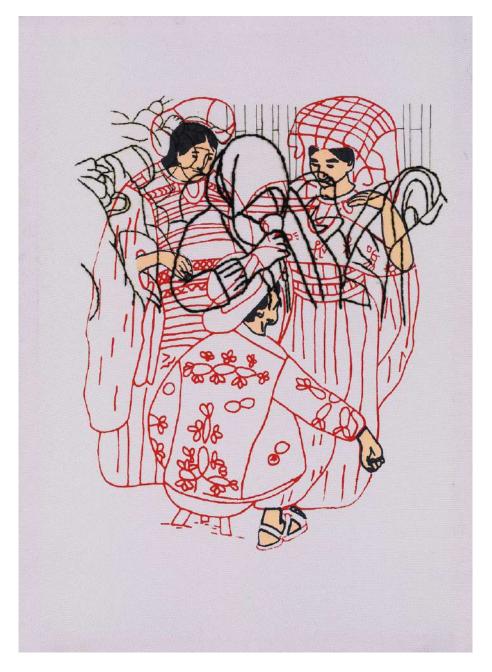


From the series *Cuadros para bordar* 2017 Hand embroidery on embroidery template Variable measurements



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19 Bienal del Arte Paiz | Correos, Guatemala City, 2014.

LIENZOS

"Some time ago, I took on the challenge of creating a huipil. My ignorance on the subject, my lack of technical skills in weaving, and the title of "ladina" triggered my interest in huipiles and what they are linked to.

I create a series of canvases that physically compile my analysis; the point at which I find myself discovering and understanding the work on huipiles.

In "lienzo central", I transcribe my findings on the process of hupil-making, as a story, creating a plot in a literal way with the writing and emphasizing the warp with Ixcaco thread embroidery."





Lienzo central 2014 Petate, chair, table, typewriter, cloth, ink, embroidery made with ixcaco thread, wooden dowels Variable measurements

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 En el mío. Galería Extra, Guatemala City.
- 2022 Mantras que lloran. Museo de Arte y Diseño Contemporáneo, San José, Costa Rica.
- 2019 Project Room: In Situ. Galería Extra, Guatemala City.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 El Soplo del Mundo. Galería Extra, Guatemala City.
- 2022 Cartografía de lo (in)visible. Galería Extra, Guatemala City.
- 2021 Los tormentos de la materia. Galería Extra, Guatemala City.
- 2021 República. La Nueva Fábrica, Antigua Guatemala.
- 2021 22 Bienal de Arte Paiz. Casa Ibargüen, Guatemala City.
- 2021 Mesotrópicos. Museo Arte Contemporáneo, Panama City.
- 2021 Segundo Aire. Galería Extra, Guatemala City.
- 2021 Arte en Mayo. Fundación Rozás Botrán, Guatemala City.
- 2021 Trama: Primer Certamen de Gráfica del Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Guatemala. Centro Cultural España, Guatemala City.
- 2020 Stone's Throw: Arte de Sanación/Arte de Resistencia. The Anderson, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, USA.
- 2020 Last Chance! Se me pasa el arroz. Tic-tac. Metrópolis, Cultural Programme, Spain.
- 2019 Inquieta Imagen. Museo de Arte y Diseño Contemporáneo, San José, Costa Rica.
- 2019 El Prado desde Centroamérica. Centro Cultural España, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras.
- 2019 Rapaces Generos.as. Centro Cultural España, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- 2019 Arte en Mayo. Fundación Rozas Botrán, Guatemala City.
- 2018 Selección de Maestros. Basis School of Arts and Culture, Herzliya, Israel.
- 2018 Las Costas del Mundo. Display Gallery, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2018 Juannio Subasta de Arte Latinoamericano. Museo Ixchel del Traje Indígena, Guatemala City.
- 2018 Arte en Mayo. Fundación Rozas Botrán, Guatemala City.
- 2017 Juannio Subasta de Arte Latinoamericano. Museo Ixchel del Traje Indígena, Guatemala City.
- 2017 La Otra Galería. Fundación G&T Continental, Paseo de los

- Museos Hotel Casa Santo Domingo, Antigua Guatemala.
- 2017 10 años de Gráfica: Taller Experimental de Gráfica de Guatemala, Centro Cultural España, Guatemala City.
- 2016 Juannio Subasta de Arte Latinoamericano. Museo Nacional de Arte Moderno Carlos Mérida, Guatemala City.
- 2016 IX Bienal de Arte de Bolivia SIART. Participation as part of Sitio/Seña Collective. Museo Tambo Quirquincho, La Paz, Bolivia.
- 2016 X Bienal Centroamericana. Participation as part of Sitio/Seña Collective. Museo Rafael Calderón de la Guardia, San José, Costa Rica
- 2016 20 Bienal de Arte Paiz. Participation as part of Sitio/Seña Collective. Centro Cultural Municipal Álvaro Arzú Irigoyen, Ciudad de Guatemala.



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