

Artist Statement

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Dirty Laundry

ZINC contemporary

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The ephemeral quality of “barely there” interests me and was the inspiration for this show. An old Japanese painting on wood that held the mere remnants of an image - faint, ghostly and enigmatic - reminded me how little tells a story.

The nature of second-hand linens - often worn, with accidental stains - lead me to think about creating a new life for these found textiles, but this time with the intention of staining. The head intrigues me as the repository of unknown thoughts, feelings, and memories, and it has a facade that can hide or reveal.

Gestural painting and a limited palette evoke an emotional quality of my subjects – the innocence of animals and youth - with hints of a darker narrative. While exploring the use of natural stains (coffee, beet juice, wine) and pigments on recycled linens, I am finding joy in the unpredictable interaction of materials and excitement in subtle nuances.