

Basic Detail Report



Social Distance

Date

2020

Primary Maker

Selinah Makwana

Medium

Cotton, thread

Description

Subjects in distinctive panels: Cooking-depicts two people wearing masks sitting on a couch, a woman behind them is cooking in a kitchen, and a young girl wearing a mask is

entering from a door; Lock Down-depicts a white airplane with "South Africa" a woman with a child in a sling on her back, and the inscription "Super Maize Men and many more"; R.I.P-depicts a funeral with a coffin at the center. Selinah Makwana, a talented member of the Mapula Embroidery Trust in the Winterveldt region of South Africa, created this embroidered story cloth titled Social Distance to illustrate her community's experiences with COVID-19. It depicts common sights during the coronavirus lockdown: families staying home, news reports on public health and safety, food relief, the daily presence of PPE, and, most tragically, crowded cemeteries (from exhibition label text).

Dimensions

40 3/16 × 40 15/16 in. (102 × 104 cm)