



Господиня-берегиня (Lady of the House)

Date

2024

Primary Maker

Oksana Doroshenko

Medium

Shell casings, acrylic paint

Description

“After another sleepless night due to shelling, Lady of the House appeared to me,” Doroshenko writes. “She is a

woman donning a vyshyvanka (traditional Ukrainian embroidered shirt) as she creates a motanka (talismán doll) for protection from enemies.” Born in Kherson, Doroshenko continues to witness the ongoing devastation of her city. A mother of two, her children’s school was destroyed by a Russian airstrike in 2023. “Through agony and despair, we create,” says the artist. “By painting bright flowers and patterns on shell casings, we tell the world that we remain hopeful for a prospering Ukraine.”

Dimensions

6 × 1 1/4 × 1 1/4 in. (15.24 × 3.175 × 3.175 cm)