

## KAREN STAROSTA-GILINSKI

Karen Starosta-Gilinski (b. 1982, St. Paul, MN) raised in Caracas, Venezuela. Karen creates a variety of assemblages that are at once humorous and heartfelt. Made of found objects and altered materials; comforting objects such as mirrors and plush toys find equal footing alongside bits of every day recycled objects. Starosta-Gilinski's work reminds the viewer of Surrealism's more playfully humorous moments, while reflecting on the disposability of contemporary material culture. She holds degrees from the Accademia Del Giglio in Florence, Italy, as well as a BFA in Graphic Design from Miami International University of Art & Design. She has had solo exhibitions at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, 6th Street Container, and two Solos in PRIMARY project space in Miami Design District. Group Shows with David Castillo Gallery in Miami, Primary LA, Freedom Tower Miami, Bass Museum Miami Beach, Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), and a commissioned sculpture is permanently on display at the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum. Starosta-Gilinski lives in Miami, where she is represented by PRIMARY. Karen's works are in important private art collections, such as Craig Robins Private collection, Paul and Estelle Berg, Solita Mishaan, between others. Karen is fluent in Spanish and English. As a mother of two young boys, Karen enjoys working with children as well, she has given several art workshops for children in Art Museums Summer Camps, such as the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, and Gallery Site 95 in Brooklyn, NY. Now Karen has developed the skill of working with children at the convenience of their homes, or at her place, using various materials, and making art inspired in modern and contemporary artists, which usually are not mentioned at school traditional Art Class. Karen travels every year abroad to stay informed about the most renowned Contemporary artists and exhibitions, in order to teach and share the culture of arts with children and even interested adults.

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