

# Alyssa Serena Dolleschal Artist Statement

My artwork is a representation of my culture through my perspective. For many, food is an important connection to heritage. As someone of mixed ethnic backgrounds, Mexican and German, I utilize this connection throughout my work.

My imagery often relates to my Mexican heritage, as that is the side of my family I grew up closest to. It is a bright and vibrant culture and the colors used with in my imagery reflect that.

I frequently depict items that were in my household as a child, such as foods that we always had in the cupboard or objects we had lying around during family parties. I find beauty in objects that many people overlook such as simple kitchen items and portray them in ways that make them visually appealing. From labels on cans to packaging on candies, these products can be aesthetically pleasing when combined in ways that display their color and shape.

In addition to kitchen and food objects, various animal subjects often reoccur in my compositions. Adding animal subjects personalizes my work to make it feel like more than just a still life. It creates a fascinating scene that invites viewers to question the bizarre humor of it.

Through my work I intend to keep exploring my ethnicity and identity and the ways I navigate society through it.