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By Hand, with Love

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Repurposed cotton, silk, wool, hand-dyed and printed repurposed cotton, various embroidery threads. Hand appliquéd and embroidered, machine stitched. 16" × 30.5"

Inspiration: Annie Romanchuk and Dora Oosichoff

My heritage is Slavic – grandparents from Russia and the Ukraine. My first memory of cloth, as a child, was of an ornately embroidered pillow in my Ukrainian Grannie's house. I barely remember my Russian Baba but am now in possession of her 'birthing shirt', a white handwoven linen nightshirt worn during delivery of her six children.

I created "By Hand, with Love" in memory of my mother and grandmothers. As I appliquéd these Slavic needlework images, the needle seemed to have its own energy as memories illuminated each stitch. Their love lives on.