

Press release

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Altered heroes

Ana Navas

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Opening hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 1-5 pm, or by appointment

Altered heroes is a solo exhibition by Ana Navas.

From the phenomenon of pattern drawings for self-made fashion, since 2021, Ana Navas has been working on a series of sculptures some of which were designed to ‘dress up’ high-brow modernist artworks—as a kind of haute couture for ‘top pieces’ from the canon of the modernism— whereas others are based upon household objects whose shapes may have been derived from these artworks. But once stripped of the bodies of their protagonists, flat forms unfold that take up space in their own way. These sculptures are like songs whose rhythm has been adapted to a new music genre or are reminiscent of the participants of an aerobics class who desperately try to follow its choreography.

The artist’s interest in copying is reflected in the graphic textile patterns she has chosen, which refer to legendary modernist painters such as Georges Braque. Handicraft and industrial production, calligraphy and typography come together in these translations.

About Manifold Books:

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