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DRESSMATERIAL

**"Dress fabric"** is a colloquial Estonian word for the cloth used for making dresses. Yet in my work, it is the other way round –– it is a fabric made of dresses, Barbie doll dresses, to be more precise. The piece also includes mini replicas of particular dresses, for example Geri Halliwell's Union Jack dress and a dress owned by my former teacher and present colleague, the rector of the Estonian Academy of Arts, Signe Kivi. She wore the dress to the Independence Day Presidential Reception when she was the minister of culture. It is a simple sporty dress, the top of which shows not the words "Adidas" or "Nike", but an embroidered "Eesti" (Estonia).

OUR STAMP

Carpet with image of Estonian stamp 5 cents, day of issue: 24.09 1928.

SOFTMESSAGES

Picture messages from mobile phones used in cross stitch needlework.

Question of Taste I

In exhibition project **Oma tuba oma luba** in February 2008 I used Estonian symbols, images, logos, even some well known local design icons and played with them, redesigned and made my own design. A wallpaper **Question of Taste I**, in Estonian Maitse Asi (slogan of beer company), there are logos of political parties (chippy, rhinoceros), Estonian national bird swallow, Pegasus – logo of Estonian Academy of Arts, horn man – logo of vodka etc. I put them together and got a pattern, which is quite similar to a skull.

Question of Taste II

Second wallpaper pattern in exhibition project **Oma tuba oma luba** (February 2008) is made by combining figures from logo of Estonian Cultural Endovment.

FLOWERS & CROSSES

Thinking about the theme of the 4th Riga International Textile and Fibre Art Triennal: *Global Intrigue* and the global crisis, I used the slogan: Save the planet kill yourself. What a message?! But the image started to haunt me…

I mix the sentence, and the symbols: saving – flower, flowerbed, killing – cross, cemetery. With this work I do not suggest anyone to kill yourself or someone, but I simply think we could all look inside ourselves and ‘kill’some environmentally bad habits.