

Hana Miletić: *Patterns of Thrift*

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For 'Patterns of Thrift', Hana Miletić will produce new works from her ongoing series 'Materials'. Though at first seemingly abstract, these textiles find their scale, form and colour from the acts of 'care and repair' that Miletić has noticed around the city: broken windows, kicked in doorways and damaged car wing mirrors she has found taped up with plastic and card. The artist emulates these DIY repairs – thereby furthering extending the act of care – through a process of hand-weaving textiles, an embodied and situated art practice.

All the works featured at The Approach will be 'half silks', that is, a fabric woven from a silk blended with another material. The employment of 'half silks' for this exhibition hints at the local area's history: Bethnal Green was once host to a vibrant textile industry until the local hand weavers were eventually replaced by machines.