

SMALL WORLD IN COLOUR

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These images are taken from a current series 'Small World in Colour', using mass produced plastic and resin coated dolls house models and figurines, to construct and capture photographic stories and explore notions of female identity, representation and gender. As objects intended for a diverse audience ranging from young children to adult dolls house enthusiasts, these figures represent the feminine 'ideal', within the domestic setting of a dolls house.

A variety of figurines have been used as the basis of the series - the dolls photographed on film (ADOX Colour Implosion 35mm) using macro photography techniques, often focusing upon one small aspect of the figure or highlighting specific elements of female representation - hair/physique. In framing the shots, I've segmented the images -e.g. using string as a device to provide a visual tension that can be read as suggestive of the dolls emotional state within the image or the status of her gender role.

Jo is a Hertfordshire based film and darkroom photographer with an interest in alternative processes and techniques including lith, cyanotype, salt printing and chemigrams. Jo's photographic practice focuses upon constructed realities photography. Influenced by the visual style, mood and atmosphere of film noir, Jo uses dolls house furniture and models to construct and capture photographic moments or stories. As a member of London Independent Photography Network and Shutterhub, Jo has most recently exhibited at the Retina Scottish International Photography Festival (Edinburgh, 2017), Art at the Alison Richards Building (Cambridge University, January 2018 and April 2019), Festival Pil'ours (St Gilles Croix de Vie, France, August 2018/July 2019) and the Shutterhub Open (London and Amsterdam, January 2019). Jo is a 2018 grant recipient of the Richard and Siobhan Coward Photography Foundation (supporting analogue photography).

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