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Artist Statement: Magic Mountains and Impossible Clouds

Having immigrated from Russia to the United States at a young age I've always been fascinated with the idea of place. My series of drawings, "Magic Mountains and Impossible Clouds," explores these obsessions by creating maps using a partly borrowed, partly invented vocabulary of symbols. Depicting phenomena that are in a continuous state of change, such as cloud formations, mountain ranges and industrial mining sites, my drawings combine a wide array of interests: Russian textiles, Baroque painting, prison tattoos, folk art, modernist abstraction, as well as a personally invented vocabulary of symbols. All are intricately weaved together to form highly evocative surfaces. The resultant images "map" impossible journeys through landscapes, both real and imagined, ultimately placing the idea of home just beyond the viewers reach.

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