**Artist Name:** Iliann Alvarez

**Bio:** For me, art is a channel into contemplating and engaging the objects, spaces, and experiences of my memories, then transforming them into a new way of thinking of home. Wherever I go, I surround myself with fabrics, patterns, and colors to create my home. While I primarily work in clay, fabric has become an important subject matter and tool in my art. As I use it in my intimate spaces and to clothe and comfort me, I also employ it to symbolize my idea of home throughout my work. I combine clay with fabric, allowing the rigid clay to interact with soft material. I find my work reflecting my life as it becomes an abstract self-portrait.