

Generational Colorings

Most children love to color, and will unwaveringly color whatever is put in front of them. I began this series with the idea of creating a coloring book that explicitly reinforces negative aspects of our society, in this case our society's acclimatization of weaponry and violence by our youth. I choose large caliber handguns and draw them in a bold, mechanical style and create larger pieces by transferring these drawings to watercolor paper using enlarged photocopies. Then I have my child color these as we discuss the negative aspects of violence and anger, and use the colors to take the power away from the weaponry. In this same vein of thought I am also exploring how my child thinks about our family by creating large drawings of the three of us for her to color. Together we attempt to create a beautiful family.