

Ira RZ (Ira Zhivkova), a Bulgarian-born textile artist, weaves memory, myth, and material into sculptural forms that bridge tradition and innovation. A graduate of the National Academy of Arts in Sofia with a BA and MA in Textile Art & Design, Ira's work moves fluidly between the tactile and the conceptual, capturing moments of nostalgia, collective memory, and emotional landscapes.

Her practice draws deeply from the natural world, human connection, and the hidden stories carried in textures and colors. Blending recycled materials with contemporary biomaterials, she crafts visual narratives that invite touch, reflection, and participation.

During the residency, Ira will create an interactive textile sculpture inspired by the folklore of Levochevo, engaging the local community in a living, evolving artwork—a tapestry of memory, myth, and new imaginings.

