

 **OUR ART
OUR REGION
OUR TIME**

Regaining Autonomy

13 x 13 x 13 inches
Crochet, recycled fabric
\$500



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Bio

Mary received her BFA in Ceramics from the University of Arkansas in 2008 and her MFA in Craft/Material Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2011. She taught community art classes at the Visual Arts Center in Richmond, Virginia. Occasionally she teaches at Arts on Main in Van Buren and some semesters she teaches adjunct at UAFS. Now a mother and caregiver to three kids (ages 10, 8 and 4), she makes art in her home studio, which is in her backyard in Van Buren.

Artist Statement

My work is focused on memory, motherhood, and family. I work with fiber, clay, and other household objects. The love of cataloguing and remembering big and especially small, mundane moments in life has inspired much of my work. I love using the worn out clothes my family and I have worn. In *Regaining Autonomy* I cut them into strips and crocheted them together to create something new. This process is a lot like our life together, with everyone changing and growing together continuously.