IBRAHIM KURT

Rather than being polemic and resolute, my work takes note of the fragilities and sensitivities that are part of diasporic and migratory struggles.

My work is rooted in fragmented diasporic memories. Within my projects are memories of my home village Qele and the tradition woven into its people, its houses, and its soil. The materials I use in building carry as much significance as the shape of the work itself. Fragments of a stone house that I repeatedly build and take apart lament the unfinished stone houses of my village. Carpets made of earth, held together by jute, and the omnipresence of soil in everything that I make, because soil held the walls together, and formed the ground that we walked on, under which my grandfather would preserve vegetables wrapped in jute. Towering steel structures, constructed with my brothers, part of the chain of builders in my immediate family that have shaped my practice. Pillowcases and textiles embroidered with patterns that coloured the background of my childhood, remembering of the meticulous and intimate work of my mother, my grandmother. The shape and fabric of my works is an ode and a reflection of the labor that constructed my childhood and my family life. As such the work often shows these raw materials, and often takes the form of unfinished built structures that highlight the laborious process of their construction. These aspects may be contrasted by soft, fragile, or ornamental additions (often textile, video, and photographic works) that either supplement the structures or take part in their production.

WEBSITES

2025 resident artist ARCUS

www.arcus-project.com/en/residence-program/artist-in-residence-program/

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/ib_rahim_kurt/

OPLEIDINGEN

2022 - 2024	MA Visual Arts and Post-contemporary Practice Den Bosch, Academie van Kunst en Vormgeving Diploma behaald
2009 - 2013	BA Mediastudies University of Amsterdam Diploma behaald

TENTOONSTELLINGEN

2026	At night R.S.O.L. Deventer, Nederland Photographic works by: Marcel van Eeden , Maarten Sipma, Ibrahim Kurt, Aalt van de Glind, Petra Noordkamp, Matthijs Vermeulen, Marc Andres Raven, Teun Vermeer, Martin van Zomeren, and curated by Ton Kruse www.tonkruse.nl/at-night.html Groep
2026	Film screening Van Abbehuis Eindhoven, Nederland www.instagram.com/p/DZEyZ5mDM5K/?img_index=1 Groep
2026	Open Letters Page Not Found the fourth Open Letter of 2026: “Ev şîwen û şahî tew’eman in / These sorrows and festivities are twins” by Ibrahim Kurt page-not-found.nl/
2026	Anonymous Temporary Art Centre (TAC) Eindhoven, Nederland Ev şîwen û şahî tew’eman in / these sorrows and festivities are twins www.tac.nu/programma/26-juni-12-july-2026-anonymous/?lang=en Groep

PROJECTEN

2027	Knockvologan Studies Fionnphort, Verenigd Koninkrijk This project centres on the deep resonance between Kurdish shepherding culture — specifically the ritual of wrapping provisions in cloth for the mountains — and the pastoral landscape, ruins, and material histories of the Ross of Mull. Through video, writing, and installation, I will trace the intersections of memory, migration, land use, and belonging: returning to the shepherds of my childhood by way of the shepherds, farms, and stone dwellings of Fionnphort's landscape.
2025	Ev şîwen û şahî tew’eman in / these sorrows and festivities are twins Moriya, The Hague, Nederland www.instagram.com/p/DRMtt41E44c/?img_index=1 First carpet in the earth-carpet serie - xalî / earth, carpet - , started in Moriya, Japan. During my stay at ARCUS residency. Each carpet is made with another person. At the moment I'm developing the second and the third piece.
2025	Hişyarî ye, xewn e ya xiyal e / is this being awake, dreaming, or imagining ARCUS Moriya, Japan www.instagram.com/p/DRbnmPYk35Q/?img_index=1

2026 Anonymous Temporary Art Centre (TAC) Eindhoven, Nederland Ev şîwen û şahî tew'eman in / these sorrows and festivities are twins www.tac.nu/programma/26-juni-12-july-2026-anonymous/?lang=en
Groep

2026 Decolonize Practices event SIGN Groningen, Nederland On August 30
Groep

2025 ARCUS Project open studios 2025 ARCUS Moriya , Japan ARCUS Project 2025 IBARAKI Artist-in-Residence Program Open studio www.arcus-project.com/en/event/2025-open-studios/
Solo

2025 My head is mountain, my hair is snow Kunstruimte Het Langhuis Zwolle, Nederland Artist in residence-exhibition with guest artists Rooted in the notion of unfinishedness, we try to think with our environment, by looking at a house in a nomadic way, by attentively listening to it, and trying to articulate its memory in our stories, stone by stone, maybe even imagining it in fragments. www.langhuis.nl/ibrahim-kurt-juli-augustus-2025/
Solo

2025 My head is mountain, my hair is snow Ijssel Biennale Zwolle, Nederland Ijssel Biennale 2025 - participating artist featuring work produced during the residency at Het Langhuis ijsselbiennale.nl/programma/artist-in-residence-ibrahim-kurt-my-head-is-mountain-my-hair-is-snow/
Solo

2025 Ears to the ground Club Lokaal Breda, Nederland I collaborated on a project called 'Boatwalkers', with MA Visual Arts student Ruitao Li. www.instagram.com/p/DLXIr7FoOB6/?img_index=1
Groep

2025 a house - ijzervlechter Kunststation Delden Delden, Nederland Looking closely at different processes of building homes. kunststationdelden.mikc.eu/139-ibrahim-kurt-a-house-ijzervlechter
Solo

2025 A room without corners Kunststation Delden Delden, Nederland a collaborative exhibition by Ibrahim Kurt, Milo Sharafeddine, Raven Kiss, and Yara Chaalan. What shapes does the memory take to reconstruct the image of the walls and arms that used to hold us? A room without corners is an exploration of absence and longing. In it, we share tangible expressions of something missing, at once here and not here, creating a house for itself nearby. A room without corners started as a reflection on Ibrahim's installation at Perron 1, a house/ijzervlechter. We interpreted the piece separately and came together to discuss our thoughts. What resulted was a conversation on mountains and grief, our bodies and the shelters they inhabit. kunststationdelden.mikc.eu/140-ibrahim-kurt-milo-sharafeddine-raven-kiss-yara-chaalan-a-room-without-corners
Groep

2024 GAZA '24 Kunstruimte Het Langhuis Zwolle, Nederland showcasing stone(cyano), sleepwalker, and Our house is only half finished www.langhuis.nl/expected-gaza-24/
Groep

2024 Balkan-fiction stories Octav-Băncilă Gallery, Iași, Roemenië showcasing my video work The dishwasher
Groep

2024 Films of Displacement Netherlands Kurdish institution Amsterdam, Nederland Film screening
rupare.nl/event/rethinking-displacement/
Groep

2023 Phantasmagoria Cave Contemporary Grottaglie, Italië Participated with 'a house' project.
Groep

2023 NIAS Conference in belonging and mobility Pakhuis de Zwijger Amsterdam, Nederland featuring a house and Our house is only half finished. Interactive (building) session, and round table talk
Solo

INTERNATIONALE UITWISSELINGEN / ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCIES

2026 Vlaams Architectuur Instituut Rotterdam, Nederland Exchange in practice; building between the lines
www.instagram.com/p/DXwyTutiEAx/?img_index=1

2025 ARCUS project, Studio Residency, Ibaraki, Japan Moriya, Japan www.arcus-project.com/en/residence-program/artist-in-residence-program/year-2025/#ibrahim-kurt

2023 Grottaglie, Italië A summer residency at Cave Contemporary. I participated with my project 'a house'. And at the end we had a group exhibition.

PRIJZEN EN STIPENDIA

2026 Kunstenaar Start mondriaan fonds Den Haag, Nederland Mondriaan Fund - Artist Start Grant

ARTISTIEKE NEVENACTIVITEITEN

2026 - -- (guest) tutor Loopt nog

2025 - -- curator Loopt nog



Ev şîwen û şahî tew'eman in / these sorrows and festivities are twins, 2025

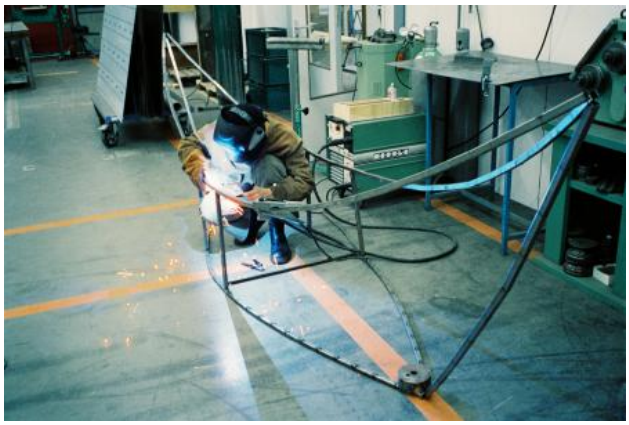

Hişyarî ye, xewn e ya xiyal e / is this being awake, dreaming, or imagining , 2025



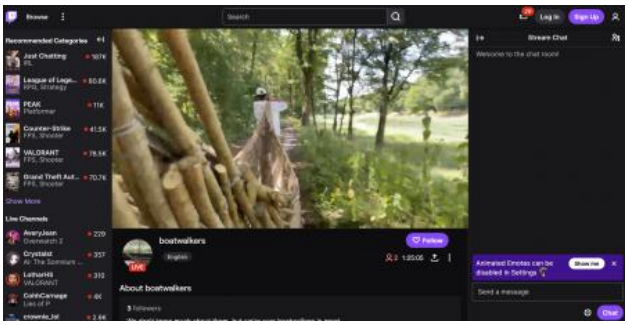
ijzervlechter, 2025



a house; bîr, 2025



Boatwalkers, 2025



Boatwalkers, 2025



Ev şîwen û şahî tew'eman in / these sorrows and festivities are twins, 2025
earth carpet, 135 x 102 cm



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Ijzervlechter, 2025



a house; bír, 2025