

## **flower carpet / cicek hali**

This was one of several pieces created in August 2012 in a small rural farming village called Ibrahimpasa in Central Anatolia, Turkey.

When I arrived in the village, the harvest of the apricots was in full production. All of the fruit was arranged carefully on the rooftops on top of donkey feedbags. The sun is so hot and dry that the fruit is dried and preserved very quickly. Some women were making pestil (sp), a paste of apricots which is then spread out thin on sheets of paper and hung out to dry. The colors were like stained glass, very beautiful.

I also noticed a small flower alongside most of the dusty roads around the village and between the apricot trees and gardens. I couldn't find anyone who knew its name but it seemed to be in the sunflower family as its flowers followed the course of the sun throughout the day. Facing east in the morning and west in the afternoon. It was very small but had an intense color.

I decided to participate in the harvest too, by picking these small flowers every day in the morning for a month. In the end, I arranged them also on a donkey feed bag too. It was my response to the harvest, a flower carpet for Ibrahimpasa.

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