

“Istana/Batik”

**Permanent site-specific installation, 2016, 205 Richmond St. West,
Toronto**

Artist: Karina Iskandarsjah

Istana/Batik is a photographic installation on a staircase. On the vertical surface is a picture of the Istana (“castle”) building in Singapore, and on the horizontal surface are different cultural variants of batik (wax-printed patterns on cloth). Both of these subjects speak to how the colonizer-colonized dynamic is much less dichotomous than we like to think.

