

## Herbs Collection – Concept & Artistic Statement

Collection "Herbs" - The Living Magic of Ukrainian Soil

In a world where transience erases our connection to origins, this collection becomes a bridge between past and present, between nature and the human soul. "Herbs" is more than painting. It is an incantation encoded in textures, forms, and colors, revealing ancient knowledge about the power of the earth, plants, and life cycles.

Each leaf and flower here is a symbol taken directly from nature. Our ancestors believed that herbs carried not only beauty but protective, healing, and harmonizing forces.

Sage – the herb of wisdom and longevity, its aroma clears the mind, and its color recalls the eternity of nature. Chicory – the flower of the road, a sign of the seeker who searches beyond the ordinary. Wheat – a symbol of abundance, life-giving energy, and the bond between people and their native land. Thistle – a guardian against evil, reminding us that even in harsh forms, there is inner power. Clover – a sign of luck, unity, and balance among the forces of the world. Cornflower – a symbol of tenderness and spiritual purity, carrying the blue code of Ukrainian fields. Yarrow – a plant of warriors and healers, granting protection and strength of spirit. Field bindweed - a symbol of flexibility and adaptability, a reminder that true strength lies in lightness.

The image of the wreath, present throughout the collection, is not merely decorative. It is a sacred symbol of eternity, a talisman that closes energy into a harmonious circle, holding it in space. In Ukrainian tradition, the wreath is not just an ornament but a magnetic symbol of unity with nature and the Universe.

The bas-relief technique creates a living texture – as if the herbs themselves emerge through time and space, whispering their ancient secrets. The use of gilding, symbolizing divine light, gives the works a mystical glow, transforming them into modern icons of Ukrainian nature.

These artworks are more than decoration. They are a source of energy – weaving harmony into interiors, infusing spaces with the power of the land, the depth of tradition, and the eternal rhythm of nature.

The "Herbs" collection is the soul of nature captured in paint and relief – for those who can feel its strength, hear its whisper, and receive its magic.

This project was created as a concept and text for presenting the collection on a visual art platform and website.