

Barbie gets a gruesome makeover

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Domestic abuse Barbie

Barbie has a new look, although it's more shocking than pretty. Sam Humphreys, a student artist, has depicted the Mattel doll as a victim of domestic abuse.

Her aim is to comment on the false perception of life being perfect that we teach our youngsters, when reality is in stark contrast with this.

The project is dubbed It's A Matter Of Trust with the slogan, "We shouldn't be taught that life is perfect", specifically choosing the this children's doll, which is known as a symbol of perfection and beauty.

Humphreys, who has children of her own, is currently studying at the Writtle School of Design in Chelmsford, Essex.

She says that she doesn't believe the project is unnecessarily shocking, adding that if her children wanted to know why the Barbies looked that way, she would be happy to explain it to them.

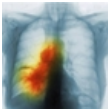
"They know that some people in life are not as nice as others, I don't shield them that much," she told [HuffPost](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/02/11/domestic-abuse-barbie-reality-violence-against-women_n_4765119.html) (http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2014/02/11/domestic-abuse-barbie-reality-violence-against-women_n_4765119.html).



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Her main aim was to draw attention to the stark contrast between our upbringing versus the often uncomfortable truths that we face as adults.

The dolls range from having black eyes with male hands holding her shoulders, to some even meeting their death.



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