

Nia Corven

Selected Sculpture and Installation

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My sculptures are built from materials associated with construction and temporary support: steel tube, plywood, plaster, cable, rubber, clamps, and reused packing material.

I am interested in the moment when a structure looks almost useful but its function remains unclear. Many works begin as small arrangements in the studio. I enlarge, repeat, or redistribute those arrangements until the viewer has to negotiate them physically.

Installation is part of the work. Distance from the wall, floor contact, sight lines, and the space between objects are treated as materials alongside steel or plaster. I often leave fasteners and joins visible so that the work retains a sense of assembly rather than appearing sealed or permanent.

Nia Corven is a fictional sculptor based in Rotterdam. She works across freestanding sculpture and site-responsive installation using steel, plaster, plywood, rubber, cable, and found construction materials.

Her fictional exhibitions have taken place in artist-run spaces and project rooms in Rotterdam, Antwerp, Copenhagen, and Berlin. Her practice is concerned with support structures, provisional architecture, and the relationship between sculpture and the body moving around it.

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Lives and works in Rotterdam, Netherlands

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2026 *Support Without Function*, Project Room Delta, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2024 *Temporary Loads*, Studio Kade, Antwerp, Belgium

Selected group exhibitions

- 2025 *Assembly Required*, North Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2024 *Weight / Distance*, Raum 18, Berlin, Germany
- 2023 *New Positions*, Dock Project Space, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Residencies

- 2025 Werkplaats Noord Residency, Werkplaats Noord, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Education

- 2016–2018 MFA Sculpture, Maas Institute of Art, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2012–2016 BFA Fine Art, Academy West, Utrecht, Netherlands



Support Without Function

Steel, plywood, plaster and rubber

210 x 320 x 180 cm

2026



Load Study III

Steel, plywood, plaster and rubber

182 x 94 x 71 cm

2025



Brace

Steel, plaster and cable

168 x 62 x 48 cm

2025



Floor Load I

Plywood, steel and rubber

42 x 176 x 88 cm

2025



Held Against

Plywood, rubber and clamps

146 x 118 x 36 cm

2025



Two Supports

Steel, plywood and packing foam

132 x 204 x 76 cm

2024



Temporary Loads

Steel, cable, plywood and reused packing

240 x 410 x 220 cm

2024

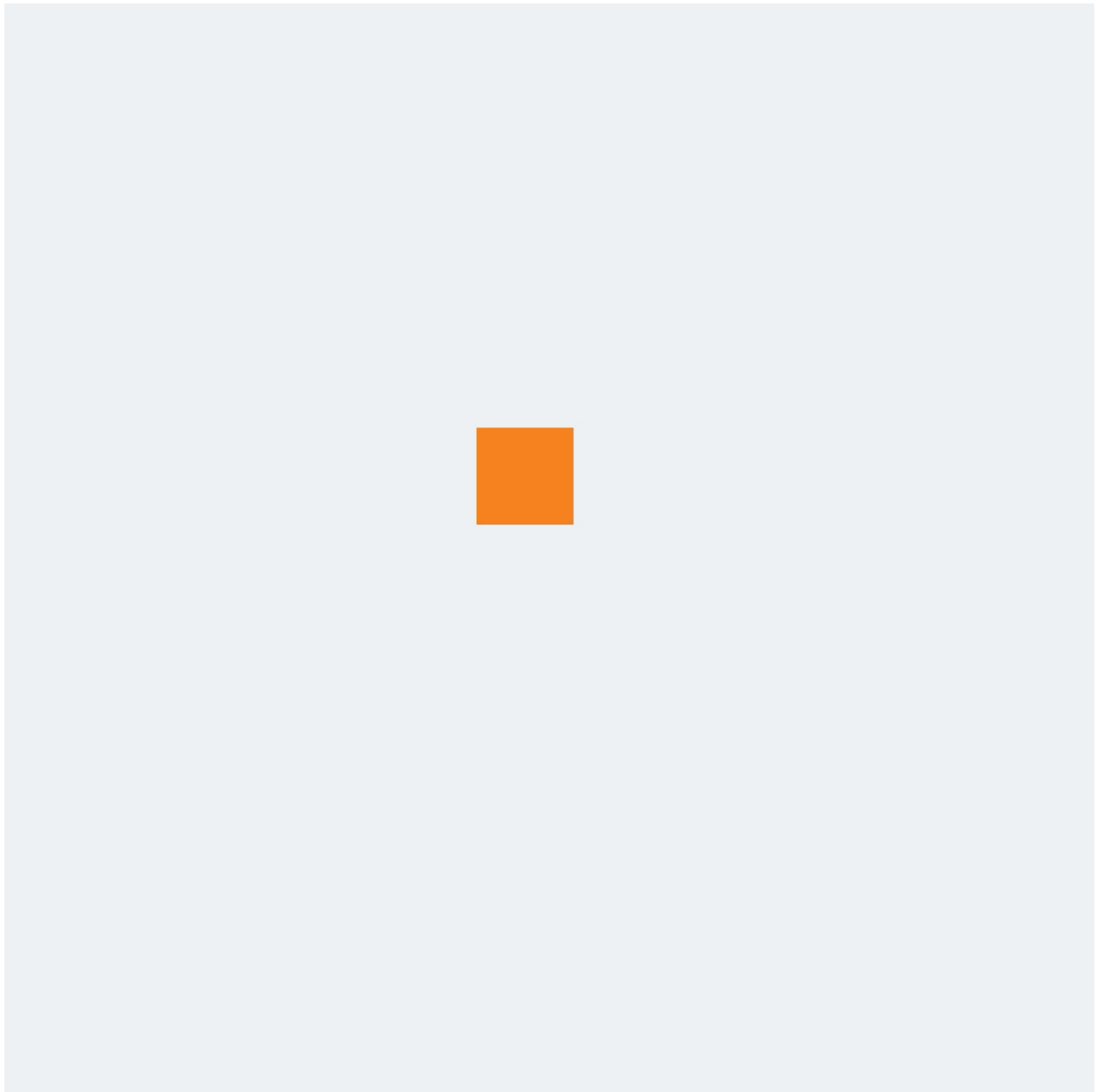


Tension Pair

Steel, rubber and cable

118 x 160 x 64 cm

2024



Soft Joint

Plaster, steel and rubber

74 x 52 x 46 cm

2024



Wall Load II

Plywood, steel and clamps

156 x 104 x 28 cm

2023



Carrying Form

Plaster, plywood and cable

92 x 68 x 55 cm

2023



Distance Between Supports

Steel, plywood, cable and rubber

260 x 480 x 190 cm

2026

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