

Describe a piece of street art



This piece of street art is a mural by Banksy, a famous anonymous British graffiti artist. It's called "Slave Labour" and was created in May 2012, on the wall of a shop situated in London called Poundland, a shop that sells most items at the single price of £1.

The mural was made with a stencil, and then was spray-painted. It is black and white and represents a little boy working at a sewing machine. There is only one colourful element ; the flags that he's making.

The effect produced is the contrast between the boy (who is working barefoot and wearing torn shorts, so he must be poor) and the flags that are made of plastic, and which were probably produced in big numbers for the Western world.

I suppose that the goal of this mural is to criticize mass consumption and child labour. Banksy accuses the Western society (represented by the Union Jack) of using children from poor countries to produce cheap mass-produced items.

I like this piece because it denounces the work of children. In my point of view, the use of colours is quite effective and attractive.