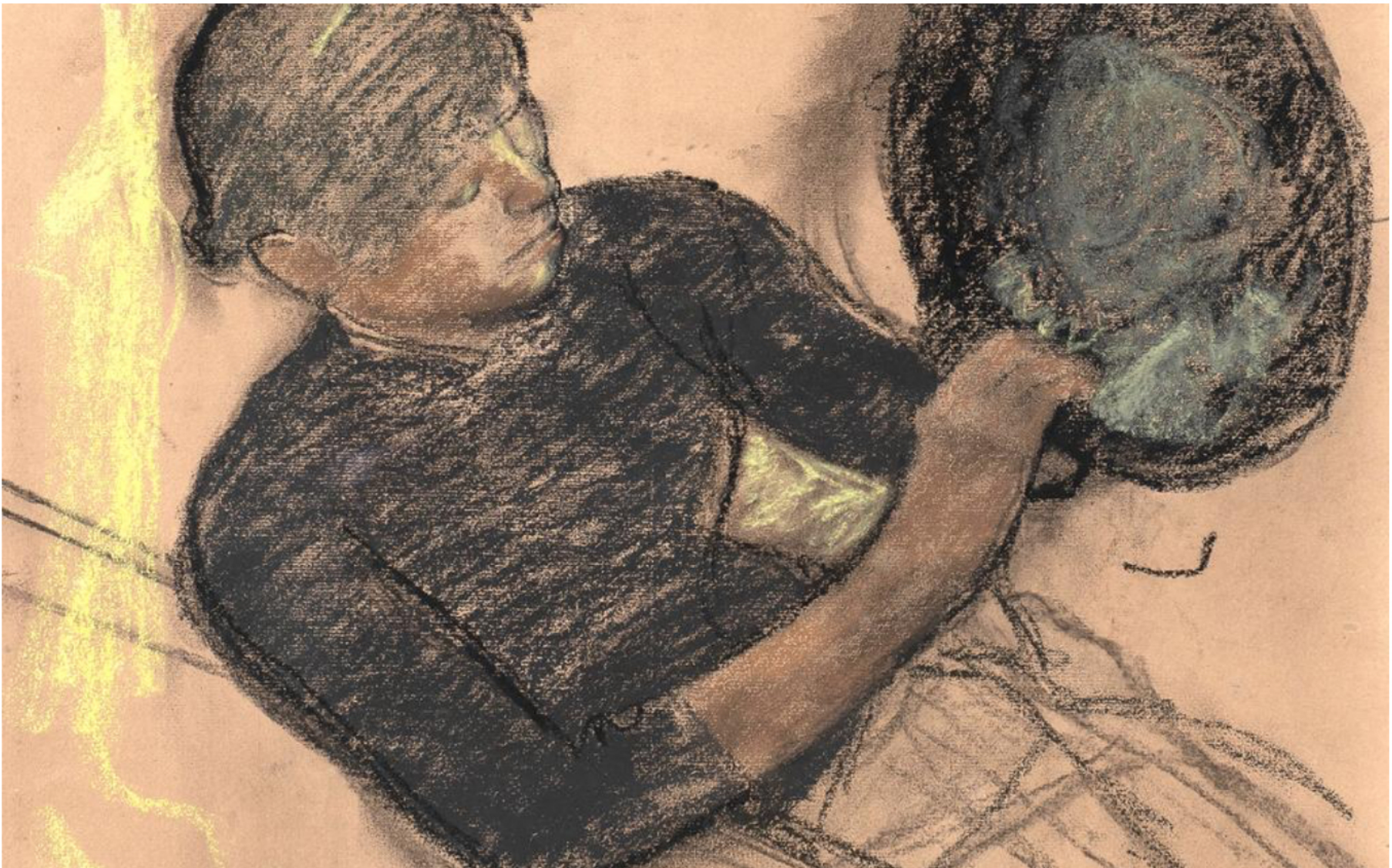


## ART SALES

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## Your chance to own some big-name art



Preparatory sketch: a Degas pastel on sale at Stern Pissarro Gallery

The Stern Pissarro Gallery in St James's has just opened an exhibition marking 150 years since the birth of Impressionism with some impressive works by Monet, Pissarro, Renoir, Sisley, Degas and Cézanne, plus some Post-Impressionists – all for sale with prices from £10,000 to £10million.

The Degas pastel illustrated here is of a seamstress embroidering a hat in a milliner's shop c.1885 – and is a study for a painting, *Chez la modiste*, at the Art Institute of Chicago. Degas liked to experience the bustle of Paris boulevards and often frequented milliner's shops with his friend the painter Mary Cassatt. The Impressionist market has been quiet of late, but high prices at the Microsoft co-founder Paul G Allen's sale in 2022 and healthy results in the New York sales this May show that while the number of high-octane sales may have decreased, values in this perennially popular market are holding steady.