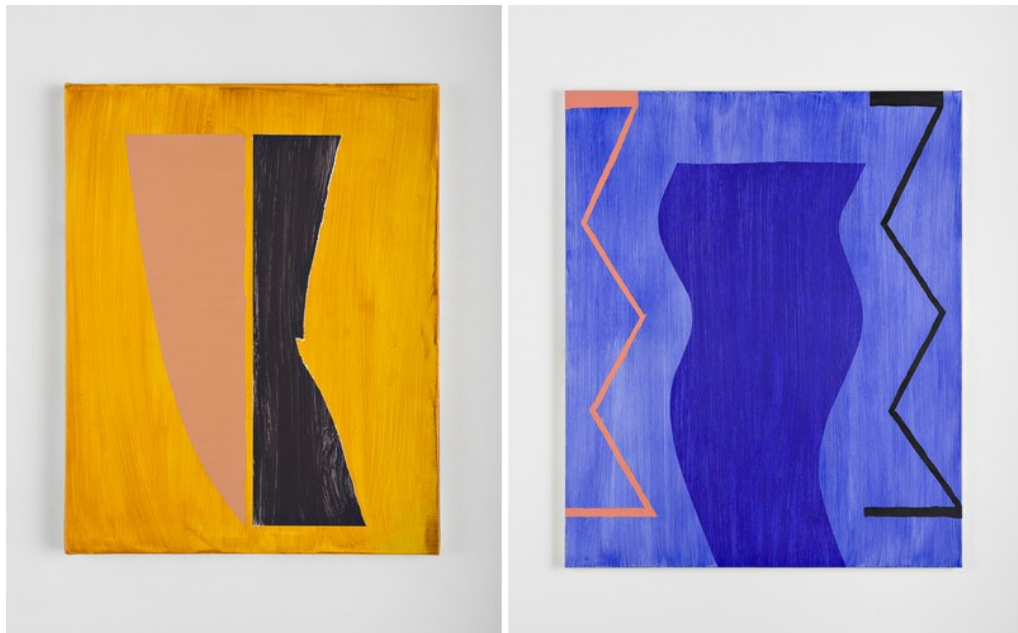




## The Best Young Abstract Artists You Should Know About

There are so many things you can do with a plain old wall. You can paint it, wallpaper it, cover it up with frames or a big bookshelf. But maybe the best use of an empty wall is to display a really impactful work of art that will instantly add personality to your home. And if choosing a style of art has you indecisive and lost, may we suggest something a bit minimal? Shapely, abstract paintings have always been a sure bet to make a statement on the walls without overwhelming the space. Just take a look at this Robert Motherwell in Holly Hunt's dining room, or the Ellsworth Kelly hanging above Marc Jacobs's mantel. And while it's not at all a new style of art, there are a bunch of young artists who are making it fresh and relevant all over again. Colors are supersaturated or lines sharp and crisp or shapes odd and wonderful. The beauty of abstract art, besides the bold statement it makes, is that it never goes out of fashion, and the shapes and colors complement any kind of design scheme; so if you invest in one of these works, it can certainly follow you to every future home or be rotated from room to room as needed. Best of all, they're just really pretty, and we can't stop staring. Get to know our favorite young abstract artists out there:



If you're in the Bay Area, check out local painter Elizabeth Russell's work through May 27 at Interface Gallery in Oakland. Her vertically oriented shapes on large canvases would trick any wall into instantly looking taller and more lively.

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We first spied the Southern Cali native Mattea Perrotta's work in Kai Avent-DeLeon's apartment and are super excited for the calming palette and shapes to be interpreted onto rugs.

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John Zabawa's organic shapes and lines can be seen everywhere from the cover of *Bon Appetit* to towels by Slowdown Studio and the walls of hotspot El Rey Court. But since his first solo show of paintings in January, we look forward to seeing much more of Zabawa's designs in the medium.

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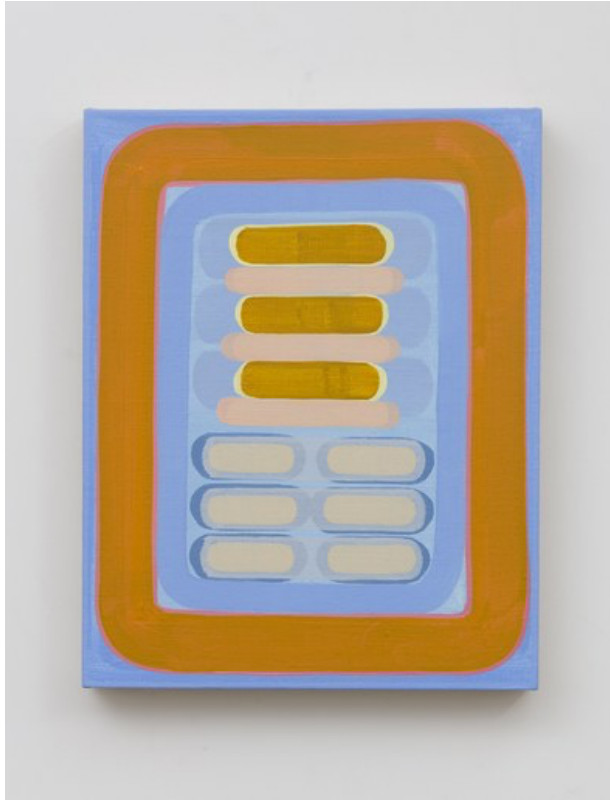


Osamu Kobayashi's work is not for the faint of heart. The Brooklyn-based artist's hyper-pigmented paintings are simultaneously striking and meditative.



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If you love Block Shop Textiles as much as we do, you'll love the art of painter Lily Stockman, who founded the company with her sister Hopie while living in Jaipur, India. Her paintings have similar rounded-edge details that you can view currently at Charles Moffett Gallery in NYC's Lower East Side through June 30.

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Atlanta native Alex Brewer, aka Hense, has been commissioned to paint entire buildings and even these cool silos, but his canvas work is just as dynamic and eye-catching.

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Self-taught artist Evi O uses precise shapes in bold primary colors for her playful works, many inspired by nature. Some of her pieces are available online through cool Aussie gallery Saint Cloche.

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As a founding member of creative agency Büro4 in Zurich, Yvonne Robert is a graphic designer and illustrator by trade. But after using painting as a creative outlet and gaining popularity for her calming shapes and colors, she now has her first solo show through July at the Kunstsalon Zürich.



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When we spied Zackery Tyler's paintings at Consort, we knew we'd soon be seeing them on the walls of every stylish design aficionado. His Instagram account features the work in his own perfectly decorated home so you can see how it impacts a space.



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Belgian artist Olivier Vrancken takes unexpected color combos and makes them totally captivating.

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Australian artist Caroline Walls's paintings are mostly done in black and white or neutral shades. But there's nothing neutral about her work, which uses the female form as inspiration.

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French painter Bertrand Fournier is the ultimate social media success story. When he took up painting as a hobby (his day job was as a nurse), his eye-catching graphic and linear work spread like wildfire on Instagram. Now, he has thousands of followers and a show at London's The Dot Project to help turn side hustle into lifestyle.

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You may have seen Johnny Abrahams's larger-than-life work at It-gallery The Hole, but also expect to catch his magnetizing pieces in the most stylish of homes.

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London-based artist Michael Wall is often inspired by the geometric abstraction of the '80s. Combined with a powerful palette of primary colors, his large works command attention.