

# off the wall gallery

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## MEI H. NELSON

Born in 1978, I am a self-taught painter from Israel who was raised by a family of artists. As a child, I grew up in the Yafo area of Tel Aviv. Here, the world of design solely captured my eyes. I always wanted to change an existing thing to create a new way. I am a dreamer in my own imagined world. The phrase "the grass is always greener on the other side" never appealed to me. I always stick with my way of seeing the world with what I have in front of me and add a bit of color.

My artwork is a minimalist color field balanced by the visual sound of interlaced marks of layered color and form. I allow the composition and color placement to create a feeling of stillness and motion... expressing my own experiences in a language where emotion speaks through paint. I turn my blank canvas into a world full of texture, medium, open fields of color embraced by layers of small details. I love combining an array of colors while paying attention to the small, tiny details. Each space in the canvas is full of colors, layers, and shapes. Every painting says something new, yet the consistency of aesthetics creates my signature style. Each of my paintings emerges from a process spanning many days and weeks. The attention to detail, tiny little marks, colors dripping, and colors spread are all ways I discover a tiny world of colors on a small or big canvas, paintings inside of a painting. You will discover more if you look into my paintings closely by using a physical magnifying glass.

My art expresses my mind, language, and imagination through the honest narrative of my life. "No rules, no philosophy, no mistakes. Just art." The inspiration flows from people, my travels around the world, and their cultures. This all contributes to who I am.